

Agenda

Utah Judicial Council's Standing Committee on Resources for Self-represented Parties

February 1, 2024 – 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Via Webex: <https://utcourts.webex.com/meet/nathanaelp>

Welcome and review of agenda	Judge Rich Mrazik
Approval of December meeting minutes	Judge Rich Mrazik
Roundtable updates	All
Inviting non-lawyer community members to speak to committee about legal issues they are seeing in their interactions with the public	Judge Rich Mrazik
Update re: community voice in the courts	Nathanael Player
Considering reforms to debt collection cases	Nathanael Player

The Self-Rep Committee meets at noon (via Webex) on the first Thursday of every other month. Meetings are scheduled for:

April 4, 2024

June 6, 2024

August 2, 2024

October 3, 2024

December 5, 2024

**MINUTES for Utah Judicial Council's Standing Committee
on Resources for Self-Represented Parties Summary**

Via Webex
December 7, 2023
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Name	Position	Attended	Excused
Honorable Rich Mrazik	District court judge and chair	X	
Honorable Ann Marie Mciff Allen	District court judge		X
Honorable Annette Jan	Juvenile court judge	X	
Honorable Danalee Welch-O'Donnal	Justice court judge	X	
Nicole Gray	Appellate clerk of court	X	
Shannon Treseder	Urban clerk of court		X
Dawn Hautamaki	Rural Clerk of Court	X	
Nathanael Player	Self-Help Center representative	X	
Charles Stormont	Utah State Bar	X	
Peter Strand	Legal services organization that serves low-income clients		X
Marcus Degen	Legal services organization that serves low-income clients	X	
Alison Satterlee	Private attorney	X	
Professor Leslie Francis	Law school representative	X	
Professor Beth Jennings	Law school representative	X	
Kaden Taylor	State law librarian	X	
Shawn Newell	Community representative	X	
Brooke Robinson	Community representative		X

1. Approval of minutes
 - a. October minutes were approved.
 - i. Nicole Gray moved to approved, Leslie seconded. Minutes approved
2. Meeting schedule – 1st Thursday of every other month
 - a. The next meeting will be February 1, 2024.
3. Roundtable updates
 - a. We are still seeing difficulties with finding people for representation in guardianship
 - i. Especially outside of the Wasatch Front
 - ii. As context, for name/sex changes for minors, there is a roster of lawyers who have agreed to be on a roster to be PGALs in these cases
 - b. The commissioners for the third district family law pro se calendars have had difficulties recruiting volunteers to help
4. Navigators (Community Justice Advocate Program)

- a. The Utah Bar Foundation has funded 3 grant applications to help with this
 - i. I4J to create the Housing Stability Legal Advocate curriculum and then deploy it to social workers and other professionals to provide limited scope help to folks needing help with renter issues
 - ii. Hayley Cousins, from TLC, is starting her own nonprofit – Community Justice Innovations to deploy curricula and do administrative work to support community advocates
 - iii. Utah State University will create a debt curriculum and train and support advocates to help with these issues
 - iv. Challenges:
 - 1. Bar Foundation won't cut a check until the application is submitted and the sandbox is not taking applications right now
 - 2. An advocate has to work with the different education providers, the three entities must operate independently. This is suboptimal
- 5. Community voice in the courts
 - a. Alison moved to support the proposal to add more community voice to court administration before the management committee and Dawn seconded. The committee approved the motion
- 6. MyPaperwork
 - a. The group received a sneak preview of the new MyPaperwork program