Utah Supreme Court's Oversight Committee for the Office of Professional Conduct

Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2026
Meeting held through Webex
5:00–5:30 p.m.

Margaret Plane, presiding

Attendees:
Margaret Plane, Chair
Mark Hindley
Eric Jenkins
Kimberly Neville
Judge Laura Scott
Roger Smith
Lara Swensen

Guests:
Christine Greenwood, Office of Professional Conduct
Beth Kennedy, Ethics and Discipline Committee

Staff:
Nick Stiles, Appellate Court Administrator
Amber Griffith, Recording Secretary

Excused:
Elizabeth Wright, Ex-officio member

1. **Welcome:** (Margaret Plane)

   Margaret Plane welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed Kimberly Neville to the committee as a new member. In accordance with Rule 1-503(a)(2) each committee member introduced themselves and provided their general area of practice.

2. **Action—Final Approval of SCRP 1-530:** (Christine Greenwood and Beth Kennedy)

   Ms. Plane advised the Committee that Rule 1-530 received one public comment that needs to be reviewed before the Committee can vote on whether to approve the amendments as final. Christine Greenwood added that the amendments to the rule are intended to match the current processes. Additional changes included clarifying the circumstances when the OPC can dismiss complaints or decline to prosecute and clarify the standards of review by the Ethics and Discipline Committee.

Ms. Greenwood advised the Committee that the public comment suggested changing "a third-party witness" to be "third-party witnesses." The language was originally written to be plural but was changed by Justice Pohlman. Ms. Greenwood also suggested changing "subpoena" in the following sentence to be plural as well. The Committee agreed and those changes were made.

Mark Hindley noted that paragraph (d) was amended to "Summary review" and questioned if the language of "preliminary review" in that paragraph should be changed to "summary review" to match the heading. Mr. Hindley also asked if the second word in the heading of paragraph (e) should be capitalized. Ms. Greenwood noted that the second word in paragraph (d) should actually be lowercase to be consistent. Lastly, Mr. Hindley noted that paragraph (f) uses the language of "preliminary investigation" and questioned if that should also be changed to "summary review." The Committee agreed and changed both "preliminary review" and "preliminary investigation" to "summary review" and changed the second word of the heading in paragraph (d) to lowercase.

Following those edits to the rule Mr. Hindly moved to approve the rule as final, and it unanimously passed. The rule will be submitted to the Supreme Court on recommendation that it be approved as final.

3. **New/old business:** (all)

Ms. Plane advised the Committee that we are currently down one member as Aeryn Murphy had to resign. A request will be submitted to the Supreme Court to appoint a new member.

The meeting then adjourned.