



EXECUTIVE AGENCY ADJUNCT ADVISORY BODY REPORT

Chapter 2024-87, Laws of Florida, requires each executive agency that has an adjunct advisory body to annually upload a report by August 15 to the Florida Fiscal Portal. The report must include the information detailed below.

Agency: Division of Administrative Hearings

Adjunct Advisory Body: Statewide Judicial Nominating Commission for the Judges of Compensation Claims

1. Provide the statutory authority pursuant to which the advisory body is created.

Section 440.45, Florida Statutes

2. Provide a brief description of the purpose for which each advisory body is created.

The Statewide Judicial Nominating Commission interviews candidates for appointment or reappointment as Judges of Compensation Claims. Their recommendations, nominations or decisions are directed to the Governor. Their decision not to re-appoint is final under the statute, but any nomination for reappointment leaves the ultimate decision in the Governor's discretion.

3. Provide a list indicating (1) the membership of the advisory body, (2) the appointing authority for each member position, (3) whether the member positions are filled or vacant, (4) the term of each member position, and (5) if vacant, when the vacancy occurred.

Appointed by The Florida Bar:

Jennifer Kipke, Esq. - Expires: 06/30/2027;
Mr. David J. Fredericks - Expires: 6/30/2025;
Liana Rose Mathews - Expires: 6/30/2027;
Andrew M. Bucher - Expires: 6/30/2025;
Penny Schmidt, Esq. - Expires: 06/30/2027;
Jacob V. Stuart - Expires: 06/30/2027.

Appointed by the Governor:

William Spicola - Expires: 06/30/2021;
Vacant - Second DCA - Since resignation of Wogan Badcock 08/21;
Jefferson P. Knight, Jr., Esq. - Expires: 08/2017;
Vacant - Fourth DCA - Since resignation of Victor Marrero 2020;
Jeffrey Jontz, Esq. - Expires: 06/30/2021;
Vacant - Sixth DCA - No appointment since created 06.22.

Commission Appointed Members:

Stuart F. Suskin - Expires: 03/30/2027;



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Steven Rosen - Expires: 03/30/2027;
Thomas Ellis Glick, - Expires: 10/22/2027;
Mal Steinberg - Expires: 06/30/2025;
Billie Jo Taylor - Expires: 08/16/2024;
Charlie Bailes - Expires: 08/16/2024;

4. **Provide a list of the meeting dates and times of the advisory body for the preceding three fiscal years.**

April 19, 2024, 09:30 E.T. (Orlando)
October 23, 2023, 09:00 E.T (Miami)
March 25, 2023, 13:00 E.T. (Virtual)
November 14, 2022, 09:00 E.T. (Orlando)
April 14, 2022, 09:00 E.T. (Orlando)
December 13, 2021, 13:00 E.T. (Orlando)
February 10, 2021, 12:00 E.T. (Virtual)
August 17, 2020, 13:00 E.T. (Virtual)
February 10, 2020, 12:00 E.T. (Orlando)
November 15, 2019, 09:00 E.T. (Orlando)
August 12, 2019, 13:00 E.T. (Orlando)

5. **Provide a brief summary of the work plan for the advisory body for the current fiscal year and the next two fiscal years.**

The commission will meet bi-annually in each fiscal year, unless circumstances require an expedited or special meeting. The commission works on a schedule dictated largely by the expiration dates of judicial appointments (4-year terms), and will consider 4-6 (generally) candidates for reappointment each fiscal year. Vacant judicial positions are similarly posted for those meetings, and candidates interviewed. Nominations are forwarded to the Governor with applications and recommendations or other supporting materials.

6. **Provide the amount of appropriated funds and staff time used in each fiscal year to support the advisory body.**

Staff time: approximately 50 hours annually
Funds Expended (travel/meeting items): approximately \$3,100 annually
Note: No specific appropriations for SJNCJCC

7. **Provide a recommendation, with supporting rationale, to continue, terminate, or modify the advisory body.**

The Statewide Judicial Nominating Commission is a statutory corollary to the Constitutional process of judicial appointment. It is transparent, publicly accessible, and necessary. The process affords consideration of a broad population of potential applicants and serves admirably in narrowing applicant pools for Gubernatorial consideration and appointment or reappointment. To eliminate this process, would potentially create public perception of distinction between the Judges of Compensation Claims and other (constitutional) judges. That



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would not enhance the public faith in and appreciation for the service of this Office and the fine judges who serve.