



**North Carolina Commission on the Administration of Law and Justice  
Committee on Public Trust and Confidence**

**Meeting Minutes / April 19, 2016**

<b>MEETING DATE</b>	April 19, 2016
<b>TIME</b>	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
<b>LOCATION</b>	NCJC, 901 Corporate Center Drive, Raleigh NC, 27607

**Attendees**

**Chair:** J. Bradley Wilson

**Members:** Judge Wanda Bryant; Sheriff Earl Butler, Douglas Clark, Juan Flores Jr., Frank B. Holding, Jr., John Hood, Senator Floyd B. McKissick, and Dean Michael R. Smith (Ex-Officio).

**NCCALJ Staff:** Will Robinson and Emily Portner

**Reporters:** Jon Williams (Chief Reporter), Andrew Atkins, and Mildred Spearman.

**Administrative Matters**

The committee members unanimously approved the minutes from the March 15, 2015 meeting.

**Discussion**

1. Committee Charge and Thesis Statement

The Committee unanimously approved the charge and thesis statement, with the understanding that it may be revisited during later meetings.

2. Discussion of Topics

a. Civic Education

The Committee discussed the current proposal drafted for the Committee’s review. There was discussion regarding the need to disseminate educational materials beyond public schools and to include the community college programs, universities, etc. The Committee noted that many materials already exist, so attention will need to be brought to the best use of old and new materials. The Committee also discussed the use of a public service announcement, the inclusion of a link on a jury summons providing information, and the provision of an educational

primer for news media on court coverage. Several edits and additions were made to the proposal, which will be reflected in subsequent versions.

b. Public Survey

The Committee discussed the current proposal drafted for the Committee's review. The Committee discussed the in-person survey and the need to obtain support from the Chief Judges. The Committee also discussed the methodology by which it would be administered. The Committee generally approved of those portions of the proposal dealing with the statewide polling.

c. Access to Information

The Committee discussed the current proposal drafted for the Committee's review. The Committee discussed the use of local rules. It was generally seen as impractical to remove all local forms, but the Committee sees a need to make sure they are available and, perhaps, standardized as appropriate. The Committee had limited discussion of other portions of the proposal, but made several changes to language, which will appear in subsequent versions of the draft proposals.

d. Fair and Equal Access

The Committee discussed the current proposal drafted for the Committee's review. The Committee generally approved of the proposal as written.

3. General Notes

The Committee adjourned with the understanding that the edits and changes discussed at the meeting would be made for the Committee's review at the next meeting. It was understood that they Committee may want to revisit the proposals and make additional changes at a later date.

### Next Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016

**Time:** 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** North Carolina Judicial Center, 901 Corporate Center Drive, Raleigh NC, 27607