

Commission on Race & Gender Fairness

Friday February 19, 2021, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Minutes

1. Chair welcomed members, and the December meeting minutes was approved.
2. Members debriefed regarding the U.S. Capitol riots of January 6, 2021, and the events that occurred during the Indiana legislative session.
3. Members reviewed several House and Senate bills related to judicial nomination and selection, including in St. Joseph County and Lake County.
4. Members received and reviewed a power point, *Developing an Action Plan for Equal Justice*, created by the Hon. Glenn A. Grant, Acting Administrative Director in which the New Jersey Supreme Court outlined a series of reforms it seeks to accomplish to eliminate disparities within the court system and remove institutional obstacles to justice, within the next year.
5. Members discussed a plan to adapt and develop a similar call to action plan for Indiana, to continue the work to eliminate disparities within the Indiana court system.

6. Lun informed Commission members about potential collaboration opportunities with the ICLEO program and on data collection work happening around the states.
7. Chair encouraged the subcommittees to meet before the April Commission meeting and to provide update at the April meeting.
8. The next Commission meeting will be virtually via Zoom at noon in April, and the date will be announced at later email.
9. Adjourn.

NOTE: *Instead of a full Commission meeting in April, members formed two ad-hoc subgroups to work specifically on developing an Indiana Action Plan Addressing Equal Justice for the Bench and Bar. The brownbag meetings were held on the following dates.*

- *Monday, March 8, 2021*
- *Monday, April 12, 2021*
- *Monday, May 10, 2021*
- *Tuesday, June 1, 2021*
- *Thursday, June 3, 2021*
- *Thursday, June 10, 2021*

The full Commission meeting resumed on Friday, June 25, 2021. The June meeting minutes will be posted after approval.