



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

Meeting Minutes / March 15, 2016

MEETING DATE	March 15, 2016
TIME	10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
LOCATION	NCJC, 901 Corporate Center Drive, Raleigh NC, 27607

Attendees

Chair: J. Bradley Wilson

Members: Judge Wanda Bryant, Douglas Clark, Frank Emory Jr., Juan Flores Jr., John Hood, A. Dale Jenkins, Senator Floyd B. McKissick Jr., Dean Suzanne Reynolds, Dean Michael R. Smith (Ex-Officio), Robert C. Stephens, and Representative Sarah Stevens (Ex-Officio).

NCCALJ Staff: Will Robinson and Emily Portner

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

Approval of Minutes

The committee members unanimously approved the minutes from the February 16, 2016 meeting.

Committee Action

The Chair presented a draft thesis statement for the committee’s consideration. The Committee, upon consideration and review, amended the draft thesis statement to read as set forth below.

Committee Charge / Thesis Statement

The mission of the North Carolina Commission on the Administration of Law and Justice is to consider how North Carolina courts can best meet twenty-first century legal needs and the expectations of the public, striving to provide justice for all.

The role of the Public Trust & Confidence Committee is to identify and evaluate factors that influence public trust and confidence in the judicial system. The Committee then will recommend actions that can be taken to enhance this trust and confidence, including but not limited to:

- Promoting fair and equal access to the courts
- Seeking to eliminate actual and perceived bias in the courts

- Providing for the just, timely and economical scheduling and disposition of cases
- Enhancing access to information and court records
- Recommending a selection process that ensures well-qualified and independent judges
- Strengthening civics education
- Conducting a recurring public opinion survey

Administrative Matters

The next PTCC Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2016, and the next full Commission is scheduled for June 10, 2016. No committee meetings currently are scheduled for July. Public hearings will be held in August, and the committee will be expected to attend and discuss the preliminary recommendations and findings, and also to get feedback from the public.

Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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