

# **Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct**

**Meeting of December 6, 2024**

**HANDOUTS**

*Corrected Minutes*

**&**

*Additional Budget Materials*

**Public Session**

9:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.

Anchorage

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# Tab A

Public Session Minutes

*Corrected for Typo*

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## COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

**August 19, 2024  
Anchorage & Zoom  
Public Session**

Chair Mead called the public session to order at 10:50 a.m. Present were judge members Temple and Wheelles, attorney members McClintock and Mores, and public members Fletcher, Kilbourn, and Sheldon. Attorney member Taylor-Welch was unavailable for public session but would participate by Zoom in closed session. Also present was the Commission's Executive Director, Marla Greenstein and Administrative Assistant, Aleta Bartimmo.

There was one addition to the agenda at the request of Commissioner Mores. She requested that the item "Judicial Ethics Public Education" be added to new business. The Commission then reviewed the prior public session meeting minutes. Commissioner Temple moved approval of the May 17, 2024 public meeting minutes. Commissioner Kilbourn seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Executive Director Greenstein presented the director's report. Ms. Greenstein reported on the end of year FY 24 budget. She noted that the Senate included part of the Commission's supplemental request that would have covered the unanticipated FY 24 expenses. While the legislature approved that supplemental amount, the governor vetoed that appropriation. The FY25 budget includes increments to both Travel and Rental expenses and should allow for normal Commission functioning in the current year. We will continue to have no overnight stays for months where the hotels are not providing government rates. Our FY26 budget request will include travel funds for the anticipated Judicial Ethics Conference for Commission members that is held every other year.

Ms. Greenstein reported on her professional activities. The Code Revision Committee is meeting with the state supreme court for their review and revision. There is a schedule for meetings with the Court on the draft Code that will run through December. She continues to conduct individual new judge ethics orientations. In her national work with the American Bar Association, she continues to work as vice-chair of the ABA Judicial Conduct and Professionalism committee and is working on a committee attempting to draft a Code of Conduct for law clerks. She also continues her ethics column for the Judges Journal. She served as a special issue editor for the recent issue addressing how Judicial Ethics Codes and Commissions enhance public confidence in the judiciary. In addition, Ms. Greenstein will present with Judge Herbert Dixon at the state judicial conference on "Technology and Judicial Ethics."

Complaint processing is current, with 5 complaints currently needing investigation after this meeting. Ms. Greenstein also reported on the informal advisory opinions she gave since the last meeting. There were a total of 32 since the May meeting, 25 of which were given to judges, 3 to magistrates, 1 to a pro tem judge, 1 to a court administrator, 1 to a judicial applicant, 1 to a newly appointed judge. The issues generally surrounded disqualification and disclosure issues, appearance of impropriety, ex parte communications, and attorney misconduct.

Commissioner Mores addressed her observation that there is a lot that the Commission could share about its work with the general public. The Judicial Council's presentations on judicial selection and retention could be supplemented with the Commission's work on judicial conduct and ethics. Explaining private and public sanctions and the way the Commission addresses misconduct could assist the public in understanding the robust systems that our state has in place. Perhaps developing videos that could be publicly available on websites would be useful and supplemented with in person presentations. Several outreach options were discussed.

There was one member of the public who wished to provide comments to the Commission. Prior to those public comments, the Commission Chair addressed questions that were presented by the interested speaker and stated that neither she nor the previous Chair requested or received an Attorney General Opinion about the perceived need for state court judges to be bonded.

The next meeting will be held in person in Anchorage on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Public Session adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

# Tab B

Director's Report

*Additional Budget Documents*

# FY25 Budget: Current Status



## ACJC-FY25 ALDER Appropriation Summary December 5, 2024

<b>Report Date</b>	12/4/2024
<b>Budget Fiscal Years</b>	2024, 2025
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	2025
<b>AR Group Codes</b>	C43A
<b>AR Type Codes</b>	C800

### C43A - Jud Conduct

### C800 - Jud Conduct

Object Type Name (Ex)	Expend Current Budget	Budgetary Expenditures Current Month	Encumbrances	Budgetary Expenditures	Unobligated Expenditure Budget
1000 - Personal Services	846,100.00	16,738.79	0.00	175,867.59	670,232.41
2000 - Travel	57,500.00	0.00	0.00	7,454.89	50,045.11
3000 - Services	196,900.00	3,717.89	25,458.30	30,680.58	140,761.12
4000 - Commodities	9,600.00	0.00	0.00	1,392.92	8,207.08
5000 - Capital Outlay	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,115,100.00</b>	<b>20,456.68</b>	<b>25,458.30</b>	<b>215,395.98</b>	<b>874,245.72</b>



### Current Expense Totals FY 2025

Object Code	Description	July FY25	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Current Totals	Budget	Remaining
	<b>TRAVEL</b>	\$ -	\$ 5,024.34	\$ 495.46	\$ -	\$ 1,935.09	\$ 474.41	\$ 7,929.30	\$ 7,929.30	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 14,070.70
2000-2004	Employee Instate	\$ -	\$ 535.81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 535.81			
2005-2011	Non Employee Instate	\$ -	\$ 240.11	\$ 495.46	\$ -	\$ 1,935.09	\$ -	\$ 2,670.66			
2012-2016	Emp. Out of State	\$ -	\$ 4,248.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 474.41	\$ 4,722.83			
	<b>SERVICES</b>	\$ 11,526.77	\$ 6,164.46	\$ 3,928.72	\$ 4,108.51	\$ 813.84	\$ 3,737.21	\$ 30,279.51	\$ 30,279.51	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 37,220.49
3000	Training/Conferences	\$ 475.00	\$ 195.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 670.00			
3002	Membership Fees	\$ 2,700.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,700.00			
3032	Software Licenses	\$ 58.97	\$ 378.60	\$ 208.97	\$ 38.98	\$ 78.96	\$ 98.97	\$ 863.45			
3035-3037	Phone & Internet	\$ -	\$ 320.13	\$ -	\$ 319.82	\$ 639.54	\$ 1.34	\$ 1,280.83			
3045	Postage & Shipping	\$ -	\$ 349.94	\$ 9.96	\$ 19.99	\$ 34.99	\$ -	\$ 414.88			
3057	Office, Storage, Parking	\$ 8,292.80	\$ 4,920.79	\$ 3,709.79	\$ 3,703.79	\$ 60.35	\$ 3,636.90	\$ 24,324.42			
3066	Printing & Binding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.93	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.93			
	<b>COMMODITIES</b>	\$ 29.98	\$ 698.43	\$ 450.08	\$ 64.97	\$ 129.47	\$ 359.99	\$ 1,732.92	\$ 1,732.92	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,267.08
4000	Rules & Law Books	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 219.65	\$ -	\$ 45.00	\$ -	\$ 264.65			
4002	Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ 376.44	\$ 182.34	\$ 47.98	\$ 67.48	\$ -	\$ 674.24			
4005	Subscriptions	\$ 29.98	\$ 16.99	\$ 16.99	\$ 16.99	\$ 16.99	\$ 81.99	\$ 179.93			
4009	Food Supplies	\$ -	\$ 305.00	\$ 31.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 278.00	\$ 614.10			
	<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
5025	Data Process. Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
5030	Equipment Purchase	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Monthly Totals	\$ 11,556.75	\$ 11,887.23	\$ 4,874.26	\$ 4,173.48	\$ 2,878.40	\$ 4,571.61				
	Cumulative Totals	\$ 11,556.75	\$ 23,443.98	\$ 28,318.24	\$ 32,491.72	\$ 35,370.12	\$ 39,941.73		\$ 39,941.73	\$ 101,500.00	\$ 61,558.27
<b>1000 Personnel Services</b>								\$ 175,867.59	\$ 175,867.59	\$ 444,700.00	\$ 268,832.41
								<b>TOTALS</b>	\$ 215,809.32	\$ 546,200.00	
										<b>Final Remaining</b>	\$ 330,390.68

# FY26 Budget: Language Appropriation

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From: Marla Greenstein <mgreenstein@acjc.state.ak.us>  
Date: Thu, 05 Dec 2024 15:56:43 -0900  
Subject: Re: ACS: FY2026 GOV Operating Language Review  
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Yes, that language is correct, thank you.

Marla

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On Dec 5, 2024, at 3:15 PM, Rhonda McLeod wrote:

Hi Stephanie,

This is actually for the Judicial Conduct Commission and I have copied Marla who needs to respond. Thanks!!

Sent on my iPhone (apologies for typos 🙄)!

On Dec 5, 2024, at 1:51 PM, Richard, Stephanie A (GOV) wrote:

Rhonda,

Please review language below that pertains to ACS and respond with any questions or concerns no later than Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at noon.

\* **Sec. XX.** ALASKA COURT SYSTEM. The amount necessary, estimated to be \$0, not to exceed \$75,000, is appropriated from the general fund to the Judiciary, Commission on Judicial Conduct, for special counsel costs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

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