

PUBLIC ACCESS TO COURT RECORDS TASK FORCE
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Minutes

The Public Access to Court Records Task Force met on Monday, March 14, 2005 in Room 321 of the UALR Law School in Little Rock with Steve Sipes presiding.

The Meeting was called to order by Steve Sipes. Those in attendance were: Steve Sipes, Pulaski County Court Administrator; Rick Peltz, UALR Law School; Andy Gentry, Public Defender Commission; Benjamin McCorkle, Attorney General's Office; Tim Holthoff, AOC; Mark Johnson, AOC; John Stewart, AOC; Karolyn Bond, AOC; Pam King, AOC.

A motion was made by John Stewart, seconded by Tim Holthoff and approved to accept the minutes of February 28, 2005 as presented. Karolyn Bond will post the minutes on the Website.

Steve Sipes suggested that when the final draft of the policy is prepared that the sections should be set out first and the commentary should be placed at the end.

Rick Peltz suggested that it would still be helpful to have the commentary annotated after each section. So the group agreed to present the final product to the court with the first section being the rules, the second being the commentary, and the third being the rules interlaced with the commentary.

The Task Force read through the draft policy and the recommended changes from the previous meeting.

After discussion it was agreed to strike the word ~~new~~ under Section V. (2) to just read... listings of case filings, ...

Rick Peltz stated that there should be a distinction between the types of exhibits in Section VII. A. (8).

All agreed to add to the language in Section VII. A. (8) as follows... exhibits offered at trial regardless whether admitted into evidence.

Steve Sipes proposed submitting the final draft of the model policy to the Supreme Court and then the court could open it up to public hearing. All were in agreement.

A motion was made by Benjamin McCorkle, seconded by Karolyn Bond and approved to accept all the changes made to the draft model policy.

The Task Force elected Rick Peltz to draft a cover letter to the policy.

The Task Force agreed that the model policy should be ready to be presented to the Supreme Court at their next Administrative Conference.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.