

Colorado Supreme Court
Rules of Juvenile Procedure Committee
Meeting Minutes: February 7, 2025

I. Call to Order

A quorum being present, the Colorado Supreme Court Rules of Juvenile Procedure Committee was called to order by Chair Judge Craig R. Welling at 9:04 a.m. via videoconference.

The following members were present at the meeting:

Judge Craig R. Welling, chair of the committee; David P. Ayraud; Jerin Damo; Professor Colene Robinson; Angela Rose; Z Saroyan; Lisa Shellenberger; Anna Ulrich; Pam Gordon Wakefield; and Abby Young. Justice Richard L. Gabriel, liaison justice; Terri Morrison, and J.J. Wallace, all non-voting members, were also present.

The following members were excused from the meeting:

Judge Karen A. Ashby; Traci Engdol-Fruhworth; Judge David Furman; Magistrate Lococo; Judge Ann Meinster; Judge Pax Moultrie; and Judge Theresa Slade.

The following materials were used during the meeting:

1. 12/6/2024 Draft Meeting Minutes
2. Three Emails Re Feedback on Rule 4.6

II. Chair's Report

A. Minutes for the December 6, 2024 Meeting

The minutes were approved without amendment. Because these minutes will serve as the equivalent of legislative history for these rules, the chair invited committee members to review the minutes carefully. If anyone feels as though a change should be made, the chair indicated that he will entertain a motion for amendment at the April meeting.

B. New D&N Rules Out for Comment

The chair noted the deadlines for the upcoming public hearing on the proposed D&N rules. The chair related that he had signed up to speak at the hearing and invited other members to do so as well. He pointed out that our April meeting falls after the deadline for written comments but before the hearing, so he anticipates that, at the April meeting, the committee will review and discuss the comments. Members were asked to encourage

other stakeholders to comment. Comments are often very helpful and result in improved rules.

III. New Business

A. Feedback & Updates to Rule 4.6

Since it has been almost a year since Rule 4.6 was adopted and the committee has received a couple of suggestions for improvement, the committee authorized a subcommittee to do an annual review of the rule. Z Saroyan volunteered to chair the subcommittee and Anna Ulrich and David Ayraud volunteered to serve as members of the subcommittee.

B. Feedback & Updates to ICWA Rules

Since it has been over a year since the ICWA rules were adopted, the committee authorized a subcommittee to do an annual review of these rules too. Judge Moultrie volunteered to chair the subcommittee, and Lisa Shellenberger, Anna Ulrich, and Z Saroyan volunteered to serve as members of the committee.

C. Truancy Rules

At the last meeting during the discussion of the application rule (Rule 1), several committee members who have experience working on truancy dockets thought that some basic rules that apply in truancy cases would be helpful. The committee approved forming a subcommittee to look at the issue. Abby Young volunteered to chair the committee with help from Jerin Damo and Pam Wakefield. Anna Ulrich also recommended Katie Hecker from her office as someone with expertise in truancy. Judge Loew also expressed interest in serving on the committee via email.

IV. Old Business (NONE)

No old business was listed on the agenda and no member indicated that they had any other business to bring to the attention of the committee.

V. Future Meetings

The next meeting is April 4, 2025 at 9 a.m. The primary agenda item will be examining the written comments for the proposed D&N rules.

VI. Adjourn

The committee meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.