

**West Virginia Legislature
Judicial Compensation Commission**

August 19, 2021
11:00 a.m.

The Judicial Compensation Commission met at 11:00 a.m., on August 19, 2021. Dr. Edwin Welch, Commission Member, called the meeting to order and roll call was taken to establish a quorum.

Members present: Amelia Rinehart, Virginia King, Dr. Edwin Welch, Phillip “Ben” Robertson, and John “Danny” Martin.

Dr. Welch recognized Virginia King for the purpose of a motion to approve the minutes from August 27, 2020, 10:30 a.m. meeting. The motion was adopted.

Dr. Welch recognized Phillip “Ben” Robertson for the purpose of a motion that Amelia Rinehart, Dean of WVU Law School, be named as Chairman of the Judicial Compensation Commission. The motion was adopted.

Anne B. Ellison, Counsel to the Commission and Assistant Director of Legislative Services, distributed copies of the 2021 draft report and explained the updated information to the Commission members and responded to questions.

Discussion ensued regarding the updates made to the report and changes were suggested.

Chairman Rinehart recognized Virginia King for the purpose of a motion to adopt the agreed to changes to the 2021 draft report. By a vote of 5/0, the motion was adopted.

Mrs. Ellison reviewed with the Commission the recommendations the Commission made in the 2020 Final Report.

Discussion ensued.

Chairman Rinehart recognized Mr. Robertson for the purpose of a motion to adopt the 2021 recommendations. By a vote of 5/0, the motion was adopted.

The recommendations from the Commission are as follows:

Based upon a 5-0 vote, the Commission recommends that the salaries of the justices, circuit court judges, family court judges, and magistrate judges be increased immediately as set forth below:

Judicial Officer	2021 Recommendations
Justice	\$168,000
Circuit Judge	\$155,700
Family Court Judge	\$119,000
Magistrate	\$71,000

Chairman Rinehart recognized Mr. Robertson for the purpose of a motion to adjourn. The motion was adopted.