

**West Virginia Legislature
Judicial Compensation Commission**

August 27, 2020
10:30 a.m.

The Judicial Compensation Commission met at 10:30 a.m. streaming live online, on August 27, 2020. John Taylor, Interim Dean of WVU Law School, called the meeting to order and roll call was taken to establish a quorum.

Members present: John Taylor, Dr. Edwin Welch, Phillip “Ben” Robertson and John “Danny” Martin.

Dr. Edwin Welch moved that John Taylor, Interim Dean of WVU Law School, be named as Chairman of the Judicial Compensation Commission. The motion was adopted.

Chairman Taylor recognized Phillip “Ben” Robertson for the purpose of a motion to approve the minutes from August 13, 2019, 11:00 a.m. meeting. The motion was adopted.

Anne B. Ellison, Counsel to the Commission and Assistant Director of Legislative Services, explained the updated information to the 2020 draft report to the Commission members and responded to questions.

Discussion ensued regarding the updates made to the report and suggestions on new recommendations.

Mrs. Ellison reviewed with the Commission the final changes and recommendations made.

Discussion ensued.

Chairman Taylor recognized John “Danny” Martin for the purpose of a motion to adopt the revised version of the final report. By a vote of 4/0, the motion was adopted.

The recommendations from the Commission are as follows:

Based upon a 4-0 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	2020 Recommendations
Justice	\$163,468
Circuit Judge	\$151,454
Family Court Judge	\$115,752
Magistrate	\$69,116

For reference purposes, below is a table of the current and future salaries set in statute:

Judicial Officer	Current Salary	July 1, 2021 Salary	July 1, 2022 Salary
Justice	\$136,000	\$142,800	\$149,600
Circuit Judge	\$126,000	\$132,300	\$138,600
Family Court Judge	\$103,950		
Magistrate	\$57,500	\$60,375	\$63,250

Chairman Taylor recognized John “Danny” Martin for the purpose of a motion to adjourn. The motion was adopted.