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# Bridges of Colorado

Connecting Colorado's Criminal Justice and Mental Health Systems

## Bridges Commissioner Meeting

June 24, 2024

Convened at 11:03 AM and Concluded at 12:58 PM

Hybrid (In-Person and Virtual)

Arvada Library, 7525 W. 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Arvada, CO

## MEETING MINUTES

### Attendees

#### Commissioners

- Susan Blanco, Chief Judge, 8th Judicial District, SCAO Designee (virtual attendee)
- Beth Harris-Robinson, General Counsel, Archway Communities
- Jack Johnson, Public Policy Liaison, Disability Law Colorado
- Andrea Jones, Deputy Policy Director, BHA Designee (virtual attendee)
- Hassan Latif, Founder and Former Executive Director, Second Chance Center
- Alan Marschke, Judicial Liaison, OCFMH Designee
- Beth McCann, Denver DA, CDAC Designee
- Julie Reiskin, Executive Director, Colorado Cross Disabilities Coalition
- James Van Beek, Sheriff, Eagle County (by phone)
- Zachary Brown, Public Defender's Office (virtual attendee)

#### Other Attendees

- Bree Cole, Legal Director, Bridges of Colorado (virtual attendee)
- Jori Dovey, People and Culture Manager, Bridges of Colorado (virtual attendee)
- Nate Haas, Communications Manager, Bridges of Colorado
- Latisha Quintana, Service and Resource Equity Director, Bridges of Colorado
- Jennifer Turner, Executive Director, Bridges of Colorado
- Robert Finke, First Assistant Attorney General

### Minutes

#### **Agenda Item: Welcome and Introductions**

*Commissioners and other attendees introduced themselves.*

#### **Agenda Item: Approval of the March 2024 Minutes**

*Julie Reiskin moved to approve the previous meeting's minutes, Jack Johnson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.*

### **Agenda Item: Commission Vacancies**

*The terms of commissioners Beth Harris-Robinson and James Van Beek expire at the end of the month. Both commissioners indicated an interest in staying on the commission for another term.*

*Hassan Latif moved to recommend nominating James Van Beek to the chief justice to serve a second term on the commission, Julie Reiskin seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.*

*Julie Reiskin moved to recommend nominating Beth Harris-Robinson to the chief justice to serve a second term on the commission, Jack Johnson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.*

*Jennifer Turner updated the commission about efforts to fill a third vacancy on the commission. The Lived Experience commissioner is open to applicants who have lived experience at the intersection of criminal justice and behavioral health. Application instructions are on the Bridges' website.*

### **Agenda Items: Legal Advice Regarding Legal Services Provided by the Attorney General's Office (Executive Session) and Personnel Matters Regarding Performance Awards (Executive Session)**

*The commission adjourned into executive session at 11:15 a.m. to discuss these two agenda items and returned at 12:15 p.m. Jennifer Turner summarized the compensation and performance awards conversation as follows: salary adjustments for court liaisons to align with the state's Equal Pay for Equal Work Act (EPEWA) and 3% cost of living adjustments (COLA), both effective July 1. EPEWA settings will include a one-time adjustment for years of service in the role of court liaison at 1% per year and will also be applied for future hires who previously served as a contracted liaison. Also, a one-time non-base building compensation award in recognition of the demands in responding to the program's transition will be applied for all other employees.*

*Jack Johnson moved to accept the recommendations, Julie Reiskin seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.*

*Jack Johnson moved to accept the proposed compensation of the executive director, Beth Harris-Robinson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.*

### **Agenda Item: Establishment of Bridges Commission Policies Workgroup**

*The commission discussed a recommendation to establish commission policy workgroup sessions – in accordance with OML -- outside of regularly scheduled commission meetings to draft policies for consideration at quarterly commission meetings.*

*Alan Marschke moved to accept the recommendation, Jack Johnson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.*

### **Agenda Item: Executive Director's Report**

*Executive Director Jennifer Turner summarized key highlights of documents contained in the Commission packet: 2024 legislation, hiring updates, office space, personnel rules, and 2024 second quarter highlights.*

### **Agenda Item: Strategic Plan Brainstorming**

*Executive Director Jennifer Turner shared that the Office is engaged in a 360-degree strategic planning process that will include commission input. She will schedule a strategic planning workgroup session for*

*commission members outside of regularly scheduled commission meetings. The workgroup session will also be held in accordance with OML.*

Agenda Item: Public Comment

*None*

**Next Steps:**

- Jennifer Turner will schedule the commission policies and strategic planning workgroup sessions.
- Jennifer Turner will notify the Chief Justice of recommendations to fill Commission vacancies.

**Agenda Items Identified for Next Meeting:**

- None discussed