

MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jeff King at 10:35am on Thursday, March 05, 2015, 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Lauren Douglass, Legislative Research Department
Robert Allison-Gallimore, Legislative Research Department
Natalie Nelson, Legislative Research Department
Suzanne Nelson, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Katherine Goyette, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Chair King opened the Hearing on Appointments:

Member, State Board of Indigent Defense Services: Samantha Angell, to serve a three year term expiring January 15, 2018. ([Attachment 1](#))

Member, State Board of Indigent Defense Services: Jeffrey Leiker, to serve a three year term expiring January 15, 2018 ([Attachment 2](#))

Kim Borchers, Director of Appointments for the State Board of Indigent Defense Services was present to answer questions regarding Ms. Angell and Mr. Leiker, who are both re-appointments to the board for another three year term. There being no questions, the Chair thanked Ms. Borchers for being here today and closed the hearing on the Appointments for the State Board of Indigent Defense Services.

Hearing continuation on:

Chair King reconvened the confirmation hearing on Kathryn Gardner.

Ms. Gardner continued to answer questions from the committee relating to case standards and how one weighs and balances the fundamental principles in a case, then looks at the facts and applies those principles on a case-by-case examination. She also responded to questions relating to how she handles differences of opinion with Judge Crow, her thoughts on why she was selected as the nominee, and was asked to explain her judicial philosophy.

There being no further questions, the Chair offered Ms. Gardner an opportunity to address the committee. Ms. Gardner declined, stating that she would stand on her previous comments.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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The hearing on the Appointment of Kathryn Gardner closed.

Final action on:

Appointments for Ms. Samantha Angell and Mr. Jeffrey Leiker.

Senator Bruce moved to recommend favorably the appointments of both nominees to the State Board of Indigent Defense Services; seconded by Senator Knox; the motion carried.

Final Action on:

Appointment of Kathryn Gardner

Senator Lynn moved to recommend favorably the appointment of Kathryn Gardner to Judge, Kansas Court of Appeals; seconded by Senator Smith; the motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55am. The next meeting will be Monday, March 9, 2015, at 10:30am.