

HOUSE BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, PUBLIC SAFETY, & JUDICIARY (H)

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the 2023 Regular Session

February 21, 2023

Call to Order and Roll Call

The 1st meeting of the House Budget Review Subcommittee on Justice, Public Safety, & Judiciary (H) was held on February 21, 2023, at 12:00 PM in Room 169 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Patrick Flannery, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Representative Patrick Flannery, Chair; Representative Brandon Reed, Representative Jennifer Decker, Representative Nima Kulkarni, and Representative Scott Sharp.

Guests: Laurie Givens, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts; Elizabeth Lucas, Implementation & Court Services Director, Department of Information & Technology Services, Administrative Office of the Courts; and Jim Daley, Campbell County Jailer, President, Kentucky Jailers' Association

LRC Staff: Zach Ireland, Perry Papka, and Benjamin Thompson.

Approval of Minutes

Representative Reed moved to approve the minutes from the February 14 meeting of the subcommittee. Representative Sharp seconded the motion and the minutes were approved without objection.

Update - Virtual Hearing Technology in Courts and Jails

Ms. Givens, Ms. Lucas, and Mr. Daley provided updated information regarding the implementation of video hearing technology in courtrooms and jails.

In response to a question from Chair Flannery, Ms. Givens noted that the biggest challenge had been acquiring new equipment to test, due to supply chain issues.

In response to a question from Representative Kulkarni, Ms. Givens stated that interpreters for both spoken and sign languages remain available to individuals in the court system. Mr. Daley noted that some jails use a digital interpreter device.

In response to a question from Chair Flannery, Ms. Givens said that all circuit courts in Kentucky use virtual hearing technology in some capacity, though some utilize the capability more than others.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:36 PM.