



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

REP. SARAH L. LIGHTNER

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 25, 2021

10:30 AM

Room 308, House Office Building

The House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Judiciary was called to order by the Chair, Representative Lightner.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Lightner, Yaroch, Green, Borton, C.A. Johnson, T. Carter, and Brabec.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Green moved to adopt the meeting minutes from February 18, 2021. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Bridget Mary McCormack, appeared before the subcommittee to give an overview of the FY 2021-22 Judiciary budget request. In addition, she discussed the structure of the Judiciary, the Judiciary's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, access to justice, jail and pretrial reform, and using courts as resources. Questions and answers followed.

Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, Christopher M. Murray, appeared before the subcommittee to give an overview of the FY 2021-22 Court of Appeals budget request. He discussed previous year case filings, case dispositions, and the time frames in which different types of cases were handled. Questions and answers followed.

The subcommittee heard brief testimony from members of the general public: Christine Abood and Victoria McCassey.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Representative Sarah Lightner adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.

Representative Sarah Lightner, Chair

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