

**Judicial Committee on Information Technology
November 10, 2023 – Office of Court Administration**

Meeting Minutes

I. Call To Order

Justice Simmons called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

Voting Members Present

Honorable Rebecca Simmons

Bob Wessels

David Escamilla (virtual)

Honorable Dan Hinde (virtual)

Honorable Laura Hinojosa (virtual)

Tracy Hopper

Todd Smith

Carlos Soltero (virtual)

Mark Unger

Honorable John Warren

Non-Voting Members Present

Honorable Michael Cruz

Doug Gowin (virtual)

Jessica Griffith (virtual)

Honorable Blake Hawthorne

Honorable Patti Henry (virtual)

Roland Johnson (virtual)

Cynthia Orr (virtual)

Honorable Velva Price (virtual)

Honorable Russ Ridgway (virtual)

Sian Schilhab (virtual)

Honorable David Stith (virtual)

Aaron Varner

Jennifer Williams (virtual)

Honorable Deanna Williamson (virtual)

Honorable J.R. Woolley (virtual)

OCA Staff

Casey Kennedy, Director, Information Services

Others Present

Evan Acosta, Tyler Technologies

Amelia Balderama, iDocket

Richard Ballard, Dallas County

Terry Derrick, Tyler Technologies
Jamie Gillespie, Tyler Technologies
Johnnie Gordon (virtual), Bexar County
Aijaz Hassan, iDocket
Bart Lesniewicz (virtual), Tarrant County
Megan O’Leary (virtual), Tyler Technologies
Dustie Sanders (virtual), Tarrant County
Barrett Ship (virtual)
Stephen Stehling (virtual), Tyler Technologies
Shannon Stroik (virtual), Tarrant County
Kelley Turner (virtual), Tarrant County
David Wilms

II. Meeting Minutes from the Previous meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 2023 meeting by **John Warren**, seconded by **Tracy Hopper**. No opposition. **Motion carried.**

III. Subcommittee Updates

A. Orders on re:SearchTX

Todd Smith gave an update on the subcommittee’s work. He reported that the subcommittee is progressing and is arriving at recommending that all clerks integrate with re:SearchTX. He reported that there is additional work needed to formalize the recommendation and plans.

Justice Simmons then opened the discussion for the group. John Warren and Todd Smith spoke to the availability of data to create a viable plan. Terry Derrick with Tyler Technologies gave an overview of the process to integrate a clerk’s office. Casey Kennedy reported that the biggest issues will be around clerk offices that do not already have document security implement or those that may not have enough Internet bandwidth or server power to support integration.

Mr. Kennedy spoke about the possibility of an OCA grant program to allow counties to upgrade software and equipment to support integration.

Justice Simmons asked the subcommittee to talk to the other case management vendors to see what their timelines for integration would look like.

The group discussed the existing barriers to clerks to comply with the current statute and rules with regards to notifications.

Justice Simmons concluded the discussion by asking the subcommittee to continue their efforts and have a plan ready for the next meeting. Carlos Soltero also identified that additional clerks have provided feedback for the subcommittee to consider.

IV. Program Updates

Evan Acosta from Tyler Technologies provided an update on the program. The update included general program metrics on filings, returns for correction and usage of guide and file. He reported that the usage of re:SearchTX continues to grow and that the attorneys are continuing to request that criminal records be added to re:SearchTX.

Mr. Acosta reported that several counties are reaching a crossroad as far as local document access with the deprecation of their current systems. The committee discussed that permissions and security exist today on local systems along with criminal data and documents made available today. Justice Simmons asked the standards committee to add standards around criminal documents in re:SearchTX that match what already exist in the local systems.

Tracy Hopper identified conflicts within the rules and judges with regards to data elements and whether they're sensitive. Sian Schilhab with the Court of Criminal Appeals will look at it.

Mr. Acosta reviewed the roadmap with the committee including upcoming milestones with the eFile system.

V. New Business

A. Proposed Rule Change Recommendations

Judge Hinde discussed a proposed revision to TRCP, TRAP and Rules of Judicial Administration. The revisions would ensure that no local rules conflict with e-Filing standards or rules already in place.

Motion to adopt the proposed recommendation for rule changes by **Carlos Soltero**, seconded by **John Warren**. No opposition. **Motion carried.**

B. Demonstration of CSI in use in Tarrant County

Terry Derrick reviewed the advancements with AI-based robotic process automation going on in Tarrant County. He reported that overall that the process enhancement has reduced the time to accept/return documents from approximately 48 hours down to minutes.

The committee discussed the various implications around how this could potentially be implemented across the state. The committee also asked questions about the process and experience to Tarrant County clerk staff in the meeting.

VI. Adjourn

Mr. Kennedy reminded the committee that the next meeting was February 9th, 2024. Justice Simmons adjourned the meeting at 12:21PM.