

In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

**IN RE: MEMBERSHIP OF THE
FELONY SENTENCING COMMITTEE**

AMENDED ORDER

The Court, being advised that a request has been made for adjustments to the Felony Sentencing Committee roster; and good cause appearing, therefore:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the purpose and mission of the Felony Sentencing Committee shall be to:

1. Improve the quality, consistency, and timeliness of the information available to judges at sentencing, including information from the Department of Correction as to availability of programming as well as other sentencing information;
2. Work with the Judicial Education Committee in providing training and developing evidence-based sentencing curriculum materials and forms for new judges and all district court judges annually thereafter;
3. Continue development of a useful system for collection from and distribution to district judges of data on the sentences that district judges are imposing that reflects the variables relevant to the sentence imposed;
4. Facilitate data informed policy-making regarding sentencing and correctional practices by collecting and analyzing data, such as who is sentenced to prison, how long individuals are imprisoned, who is paroled, and when are they paroled;
5. Provide evidence-based information to district judges on the continuum of sentencing alternatives, including diversion, problem solving courts, and other community-based programs, to assist them in determining which alternatives most effectively reduce recidivism; and
6. As needed, act as a liaison to the Department of Correction in all matters relating to the improvement of pre-sentence investigations, probation supervision, sentencing alternatives, and other sentencing matters of interest to district judges.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following changes be made to the Felony Sentencing Committee:

The following individual shall be released from the duties associated with said committee, with our appreciation for their service:

Judge Gene Petty

The following individual shall be appointed to said committee:

Judge Thomas Whitney

The following individuals shall be reappointed to said committee:

Justice Gregory Moeller, Chair
Judge Jonathan Brody
Judge Barbara Buchanan
Judge Jessica Lorello

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that after the above adjustments are made to the roster, the Felony Sentencing Committee shall be comprised of the following voting members serving for the following terms:

Committee Member	Current Term Expiration
Chair: Justice Gregory Moeller	December 31, 2023
Judge Jessica Lorello (COA)	December 31, 2023
Judge Michael Reardon (Fourth District)	July 1, 2022
Judge Dane Watkins (Seventh District)	July 1, 2022
Judge Mitchell Brown (Sixth District)	July 1, 2022
Judge John Judge (Second District)	July 1, 2022
Judge Jonathan Brody (Fifth District)	December 31, 2023
Judge Thomas Whitney (Third District)	December 31, 2023
Judge Barbara Buchanan (First District)	December 31, 2023

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a team of Idaho court administrative experts, as well as legal counsel, will provide on-going support and guidance to the Felony Sentencing Committee:

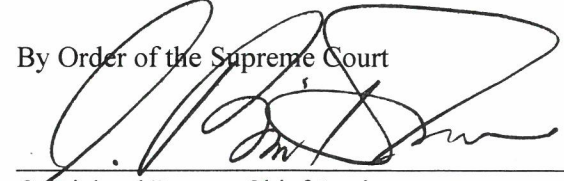
Sara Omundson, Administrative Director of the Courts
Jason Spillman, Legal Counsel
Sandy Jones, Court Programs and Services Administrator | Adult Criminal Justice

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Felony Sentencing Committee shall meet regularly and report periodically to district court judges, the Administrative Conference, and the Supreme Court with the results of its activities and any recommendations.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order shall be effective on the date signed.

DATED this 7th day of September, 2021.

By Order of the Supreme Court


G. Richard Bevan, Chief Justice

ATTEST:


Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk

I, Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk of the Supreme Court/
Court of Appeals of the State of Idaho, do hereby
Certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the
Amended Order entered in the above entitled
cause and now on record in my office. WITNESS my
hand and the Seal of this Court 9.8.2021
Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk

By  Deputy