

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Court Rules and Procedures Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2026

Members Present: Chair Andrew Yi, Charles Adams, Stephanie Dikeakos, Eileen Farley, Jessica Fleming, Samantha Kanner, Kellen Kooistra, Margo Martin, Kevin McCrae, Craig Moore, Matthew O’Laughlin, Christine Olson, Jill Reuter, Karissa Taylor, Mark Trivett

Members Excused: Jonathan Bussey, William Elsinger, Rachel Forde, Cade Jones, Devon McCurdy, Martin Mooney Jr., Robin Olson, Rachel Reynolds, Justin Steiner, Brian Tollefson

Also Attending: Judge Paul Crisalli (Judicial Liaison), Judge Wade Sameuslon (Judicial Liaison), Judge Catherine McDowall (Judicial Liaison), David Ward (AOC Liaison), Emily Arneson (BOG Liaison), Nicole Gustine (WSBA Staff Liaison), Emily Crane (WSBA Staff Liaison)

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. once a quorum was established.

1. This is the last meeting of the fiscal year. Chair Yi thanked all of the departing members.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve the August 25, 2026 meeting minutes. The motion passed by unanimous consent.
3. Chair Announcements
 - Chair Yi gave an update from the September BOG meeting. The request by the Committee for delegated authority from the BOG to have pre-screening ability for suggested rules was approved. A new subcommittee for this work is planned for FY27.
 - Chair Yi explained that the suggested rule amendments forwarded to the Committee by David Ward (AOC Liaison), included in the materials, is for the Committee’s information only.
4. Subcommittee Reports
 - Criminal Rules for Superior Courts: Subcommittee Chair Christine Olson reported that the subcommittee completed all review work in August. There was no subcommittee meeting in September.
 - Criminal Rules for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction: Subcommittee Chair Eileen Farley gave an update and referred the Committee to the written letter included in the materials. The proposed rule changes from this Committee are as follows.
 - CrRLJ 2.2: Subcommittee member Mark Trivett gave a brief presentation on the suggested changes with active discussion among the Committee. A motion was made and seconded to refer this to Subcommittee X (newly named “Special Projects Committee” in FY27) in the next fiscal year. The motion passed by majority with one abstention and one member voting no.

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- CrRLJ 2.5: Subcommittee member Mark Trivett gave a brief presentation on the suggested changes with active discussion among the Committee. A motion was made and seconded to forward this suggested rule amendment to the WSBA BOG. The motion passed by majority with two abstentions.
 - CrRLJ 3.2: Subcommittee member Kellen Kooistra gave a brief presentation on the suggested changes with active discussion among the Committee. A motion was made and seconded to forward this suggested rule amendment to the WSBA BOG. The motion passed by unanimous consent.
 - CrRLJ 4.8: Subcommittee Chair Eileen Farley gave a brief presentation on the suggested changes with active discussion among the Committee. A motion was made and seconded to forward this suggested rule amendment to the WSBA BOG with removing the “i” and “ii” in the rule. The motion passed by unanimous consent.
 - Subcommittee X: Subcommittee Member Jill Reuter reported that the suggested amendments to RAP 2.2 and 2.3 have been sent out for stakeholder feedback.
 - Supreme Court Comment Subcommittee: no update from this subcommittee. This subcommittee has completed their work.
5. Other Business for the Good of the Order
- Chair Yi gave an update on the upcoming fiscal year and thanked everyone on the Committee for all their work this year.
 - WSBA staff liaison Emily Crane informed the Committee to reach out if any Committee members have any stakeholder suggestions they would like to add to the Committee’s stakeholder list for feedback on suggested rules.

The meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.