

**Judicial Committee on Information Technology**  
**May 16, 2025 – Texas Association of Counties**

**Meeting Minutes**

**I. Welcome and Call to Order**

Justice Simmons called the meeting to order at 10:01AM.

Voting Members Present

Honorable Rebecca Simmons

Bob Wessels

Honorable Lawrence Doss

David Escamilla

Honorable Laura Hinojosa (virtual)

Tracy Hopper

Carlos Soltero

Dean Stanzione (virtual)

Honorable John Warren

Ed Wells (virtual)

Non-Voting Members Present

Michael Cruz

Doug Gowin (virtual)

Jessica Griffith (virtual)

Honorable Blake Hawthorne

Honorable Patty Henry (virtual)

Roland Johnson (virtual)

Honorable Velve Price

Honorable Russ Ridgway

Sian Schilhab (virtual)

Honorable David Stith (virtual)

Aaron Varner

Honorable Deana Williamson (virtual)

Honorable J.R. Woolley (virtual)

OCA Staff Present

Casey Kennedy, Director, Information Services

Others Present

Evan Acosta, Tyler Technologies

Jamie Gillespie, Tyler Technologies

Michele Legg, Office of Attorney General  
Chris Ricci, Tyler Technologies  
Steve Schenck, ProDoc/Thompson-Reuters

Justice Simmons expressed appreciation for Justice Boyd's service to JCIT as the Supreme Court liaison.

## **II. Meeting Minutes from the February 2025 meeting**

**Motion** to approve the minutes from the February 2025 meeting by **Bob Wessels**, seconded by **Justice Doss**. No opposition. **Motion carried.**

## **III. Subcommittee Updates**

### **A. Standards Subcommittee**

#### **1. Version 10 of the Technology Standards**

Mr. Wessels spoke about the changes in the proposed version 10 of the standards including clarifications of roles and permissions. After discussion, additional changes were made to the standards.

The group discussed the differences in implementation of the confidential documents across jurisdictions. Justice Simmons asked that a subcommittee to suggest solutions for the inconsistent use of confidential document security.

The following people were identified to be on this subcommittee: **John Warren, Tracy Hopper, Justice Doss, Michael Cruz, Velva Price, David Escamilla, Patti Henry, Sherena Gilliland, Mark Unger, Ed Wells, Blake Hawthorne, Laura Hinojosa, Jennifer Williams.**

**Motion** to adopt version 10 of the Technology Standards as amended by **Justice Doss**, seconded by **Bob Wessels**. No opposition. **Motion carried.**

#### **2. Visiting judge access to re:SearchTX**

Mr. Kennedy reported that the presiding judges requested that JCIT wait until after the legislative session.

#### **3. Bulk Data**

Mr. Kennedy spoke about the need for JCIT to restart discussions on bulk data. The group discussed the various points of enabling bulk data. Justice Simmons asked that a subcommittee be put together to discuss and make recommendations. The following people were identified to be on this subcommittee: **Tracy Hopper, Richard Ballard, Jennifer Williams, John Warren, Blake Hawthorne, Michael Cruz, Justice Doss.**

#### **4. Minimum case management system standards**

Mr. Kennedy spoke to the need for the standards subcommittee to review the requirements from OCA's uniform case management system procurement as a basis for adoption of minimum case management system standards.

**B. eFiling/Document Access Subcommittee**

Tracy Hopper gave an update on the subcommittee's work. Ms. Hopper reviewed how Case Notices will work and the progress towards moving them to production, including training for attorneys and the clerks.

Ms. Hopper spoke about the increasing need to limit the EFM on service contacts due to system abuse. After some discussion, Ms. Hopper agreed that more discussion is needed by the committee to propose solutions.

Ms. Hopper then spoke about the use of "eFile Only" on subsequent filings and potential abuse of the system. Justice Simmons asked that the subcommittee continue to explore the issue and propose solutions.

Finally, Ms. Hopper reported that the subcommittee is also continuing to look at the issues list for the EFM and re:SearchTX.

**IV. Program Updates**

Due to time constraints of the meeting running well past time, it was suggested to circulate Tyler Technology's report via email to the Committee.

**Motion** to receive the Tyler Technology update via email by **Carlos Soltero**, seconded by **Justice Doss**. No opposition. **Motion carried.**

**V. Adjourn**

Justice Simmons adjourned the meeting at 12:26PM.