



STATE OF WISCONSIN – JUDICIAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL'S
EVIDENCE & CIVIL PROCEDURE COMMITTEE
CONDUCTED IN THE STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 328 NW
MADISON
February 20, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas L. Shriner; William C. Gleisner; Margo Kirchner; Sarah Zylstra (by phone); Judge Kristine A. Snow; Brandon Flugaur; John R. Orton; Judge Beverly Wickstrom (by phone); Judge Emily I. Lonergan

MEMBER EXCUSED: Judge Eugene A. Gasiorkiewicz;;

ADVISOR PRESENT: Prof. Daniel Blinka

ADVISOR EXCUSED: Prof. David Schwartz

ALSO PRESENT: Natalie Zibolski, Council Staff Attorney

I. Roll Call and Approval of the Minutes of January 16, 2026.

The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

II. Discussion Concerning Project to Review and Update the Wisconsin Rules of Evidence.

The Committee returned to its consideration of its project to review and update the Wisconsin Rules of Evidence, which was the subject of its February, March, April, May, and November 2022, and January, March, May, September, October, November 2023, and January, February, March, May, September, October, and November 2024, and January, March, April, May, June and October 2025; and January 2026 meetings.

Mr. Shriner reported that the current draft has now been presented to the Judicial Council for its review and comment. Any comments made at this point are primarily for this Committee's use as the process is finalized for Council approval of the draft and of a list of stakeholders to whom it is to be sent. A full discussion ensued regarding the process.

III. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.