

A Resolution Establishing County Judicial Performance Review Boards and a Statewide Judicial Scorecard

WHEREAS, the people of Wyoming deserve a judicial system that is fair, impartial, efficient, and accountable; and

WHEREAS, judicial performance evaluation must not be based on whether a party won or lost a case, nor be controlled by professional insiders with inherent conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS, meaningful accountability requires independent, objective, and community-based review mechanisms;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Republican Party calls for the creation of County Judicial Performance Review Boards (CJPRBs) in every Wyoming county to evaluate District Court and Circuit Court judges and to provide county-driven input on Wyoming Supreme Court Justices.

Each CJPRB shall consist of seven (7) members selected as follows:

1. Three (3) citizen members (non-attorneys) appointed by the County Commissioners;
2. One (1) member of the bar (attorney) appointed by the County Commissioners;
3. One (1) law enforcement representative selected by the county's elected Sheriff;
4. One (1) victim or family advocacy representative selected from a local victim services organization;
5. One (1) data, finance, or operations professional (non-attorney) appointed by the County Commissioners.

No sitting judge, judiciary employee, or officer or employee of the Wyoming State Bar shall serve on a CJPRB. Any member with a conflict of interest shall recuse.

CJPRBs shall evaluate judges using standardized, objective, and pattern-based performance criteria, including:

- Case processing time and docket management
- Appellate guidance and contextualized reversal trends
- Substantiated ethics or conduct violations
- Procedural fairness and due process indicators
- Access to justice and treatment of self-represented litigants
- Courtroom management and professionalism

No judge shall be evaluated based on a single case, complaint, or controversial ruling.

A Wyoming Judicial Performance Scorecard shall be compiled from all county CJPRB evaluations and published no later than ninety (90) days prior to any judicial retention election or legislative confirmation vote.

When a Wyoming Supreme Court Justice is subject to retention or confirmation:

- The Justice shall participate in regional public meetings hosted by groups of counties;
- Each county CJPRB shall submit a formal evaluation and recommendation;
- County input shall be included in the statewide judicial scorecard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be transmitted to the Wyoming Republican Party, the Wyoming Legislature, the Governor of Wyoming, and the Secretary of State of Wyoming.

Adopted by the Lincoln County Republican Party County Convention, March 7, 2026.

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