

**COLORADO SUPREME COURT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE**

**Minutes of Meeting  
November 30, 2023**

A quorum being present, the Colorado Supreme Court’s Advisory Committee on Rules of Appellate Procedure was called to order by Chief Judge Gilbert Román at 1:00 p.m., in the Court of Appeals Full Court Conference Room on the third floor of the Ralph L. Carr Colorado Judicial Center. Members and guests present or excused from the meeting were:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Chief Judge Gilbert Román, Chair	X	
Marilyn Chappell	X	
Anne Whalen Gill	X	
Marcy Glenn	X	
Judge Christina Gomez	X	
Andrew Low	X	
Jason Middleton	X	
Norman Mueller	X	
Jillian Price	X	
Judge Christopher Seldin	X	
Judge Christopher Zenisek	X	
Justice Richard Gabriel, Liaison (non-voting)	X	
Polly Brock (non-voting)	X	
Melissa Meirink (non-voting)	X	

**I. Attachments & Handouts**

A. November 30, 2023, agenda packet

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The Committee approved the August 31, 2023, minutes as submitted.

**III. Announcements from the Chair**

- Chair Chief Judge Román announced that all members whose terms were set to expire at the end of the year decided to renew for another term.

**IV. Proposed drafts of Colorado Appellate Rules**

The following issues and revisions were discussed:

- C.A.R. 28

- Judge Freyre brought this to the Committee following feedback received from an attorney. The attorney suggested changing Rule 28 so that people are required to articulate the standard of reversal. The Committee discussed that this may be a training issue and decided to take no action.
- Gender Neutral Rules
  - Judge Gomez reported that there is an effort underway to ensure that Colorado Supreme Court's rules are gender neutral. The Chairs of all the rules committees are working together to develop a policy to present to the Court. This project is in the early stages, so this is simply an informational report.
- C.A.R. 4.1
  - This proposal came from the Court. The Committee unanimously approved the proposed changes.
- C.A.R. 21 and Companion Rules 29, 32, and 40
  - Melissa Meirink spoke on the proposed changes to Rule 21, which were aimed at modernization and clarity. The Committee unanimously approved all the proposed changes.
  - Rules 29, 32, and 40 required updates in response to the proposed changes to Rule 21. The Committee unanimously approved the proposals.

### **Future Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. The Committee adjourned at 2:19 pm.