

distancing. Nine seats will be reserved for properly credentialed members of the media until 9:20 a.m. After 9:20 a.m., any remaining reserved seats for properly credentialed members of the media will be released to the public. The Capitol Police and AOPC will begin processing credentialed members of the media approximately 30 minutes before the opening of court.

3. Decorum will be maintained at all times by all persons present in the courtroom and in the observation rooms. Signs are not permitted inside the PJC.

4. No electronic devices may be used in the courtroom except by the Court and by counsel of record. Except for those electronic devices used by the Court and counsel of record, no electronic devices will be allowed in the courtroom or the observation rooms, with the exception of cellular or smart phones and watches. Cellular or smart phones and watches may be taken into the courtroom and observation rooms, but they must be turned off at all times.

5. All persons participating in or observing the hearing in the PJC shall adhere to the posted COVID-19 precautions and procedures, including, but not limited to, the wearing of face masks and social distancing.

6. No person who (i) has returned from international travel **or** travel to a state listed on the Department of Health's travel guidance list¹ in the last 14 days, (ii) demonstrates symptoms of respiratory illness or fever, or (iii) has had contact with a person who has been diagnosed with, or is under investigation for, COVID-19 may attend as counsel, a party, witness, credentialed member of the media, or public observer.

7. For purposes of COVID-19 contact tracing, all persons entering the PJC to participate in or observe the hearing must sign in and provide their name, mobile

¹ The Department of Health COVID-19 Information for Travelers can be found at <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx>.

telephone number and email address, or other valid contact information. In addition, any person who participates in or observes the hearing in the PJC and subsequently tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days after the hearing shall notify the Prothonotary immediately at 717-255-1661.

8. **Courtroom Protocols**

a. **No more than two attorneys for each party and intervenor will be permitted in the courtroom.**

b. The courtroom will be unlocked and available for counsel of record and other authorized persons approximately 30 minutes before the opening of court. Counsel who require earlier access to set up electronic equipment must make prior arrangements with the Prothonotary.

c. Counsel of record must wear a face mask at all times except when directly addressing the Court.

d. Counsel of record shall address the Court and examine witnesses from their places at the counsel tables.

e. Court personnel shall wipe down the witness stand, chair, and microphone with a disinfecting wipe between each witness.

9. All participants and observers must exit the PJC promptly and in a manner that provides for social distancing following the conclusion of the proceedings.

10. Persons who fail to comply with this Order or maintain proper decorum will be removed by Court personnel or the Capitol Police.

11. AOPC's Director of Communications, Stacey Witalec, is the media liaison. She can be reached at (717) 231-3334 (office) or (717) 877-2997 (cell).

P. KEVIN BROBSON, Judge