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Roll was taken and Commissioner Whitfield was excused. Commissioners Espenoza, Gardner, Levy, Love, McGihon, Mielke, Pike, and Snyder were present.

- 1. Introduction of 2025-26 commission, commission staff, and introductory remarks.** Chair McGihon introduced the commission's newest member, Commissioner Espenoza. Commissioner Espenoza introduced herself and her background experience. Chair McGihon also introduced Sarah Meisch, a new OLLS committee staffer.
- 2. Election of chair and vice-chair for 2025-26.**
 - a. Vice-Chair Levy moved that they re-elect Commissioner McGihon to be Chair for the coming year. Commissioner Love and Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. There were no other nominations for Chair. The motion was passed with unanimous consent.
 - b. Commissioner Gardner nominated Vice-Chair Levy to be Vice-Chair for the coming term of the Commission on Uniform State Laws. Chair McGihon seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Espenoza moved the adoption of Vice-Chair by unanimous consent; Chair McGihon seconded. There were no objections and the motion was adopted.
- 3. Status of 2025 legislation.**
 - a. Chair McGihon asked if they could address [Senate Bill 25-134 – Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements Act](#) first in this meeting. Commissioner Snyder spoke on that bill, sharing that he was submitting the same bill that almost made it across the finish line last year. With the fiscal problems the bill had last year and the worsening situation with the state budget, he is looking to work with stakeholders in the next week to see if they can narrow the scope of the bill. Commissioner Gardner agreed that there may be difficulty passing this bill this year, as the fiscal note is quite large. Commissioner Snyder explained guardianship and

conservatorship are in need of reform due to backlog, and there is another bill in the system addressing judges that may also speak to this need. Commissioner Levy inquired about other states where this has been enacted and what kind of fiscal note applied to those bills. She wondered whether it has run into similar fiscal challenges elsewhere. Commissioner Gardner recalled that the few states which have passed this uniform act have had fiscal challenges. Chair McGihon agreed with delaying the implementation of this bill if it is passed this year. Commissioner Snyder reiterated that it would be a challenge to pass this bill this year, even with delaying implementation, and he would prefer to have more time to develop the bill with other stakeholders. Maine and Washington State have enacted this act, and both states had fiscal challenges associated with the implementation of the act. The committee will work with Ms. Anne Barkis on seeing the fiscal impacts from similar bills in those states. No individuals signed up to comment on this bill today.

- b. Chair McGihon moved on to discuss [Senate Bill 25-126 – Uniform Antitrust Pre-Merger Notification Act](#). She asked for updates or comments on this bill. Commissioner Snyder recalled the Attorney General reaching out to the commission last summer with concerns, which have since been addressed. Commissioner Snyder has started circulating this bill around with stakeholders, but he has not yet received concerns or pushback. He does not foresee an issue with the bill's passage in the legislature.
- c. Chair McGihon noted that Commissioner Snyder was contacted by someone regarding another possible uniform act. Commissioner Snyder said he was contacted about the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act. Commissioner Snyder signed onto [House Bill 25-1224 – Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act Modifications](#) with Rep. Titone to enact updates and put guardrails in. Vice-Chair Levy said the drafting committee met for three years on the original Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, and there were many attempts to amend that bill by other parties. She cautioned the commission that reopening this act may invite controversy and challenges from several factions. Commissioner Snyder stated that the Unclaimed Property Administrator and the Treasury Department are the parties proposing these changes. Chair McGihon encouraged Commissioner Snyder to lean on Commissioner Gardner and Vice-Chair Levy for assistance if needed. Commissioner

Gardner stressed the importance of narrowing the bill's scope, and Commissioner Pike agreed on this point.

- d. Commissioner Snyder recalled how last year, the committee had decided to bring forward the Uniform Consumer Debt Default Judgment Act this next year. This is another bill that he will continue stakeholding with an eye toward introducing in 2026.

4. **Other business.** There was no other business.