

Commission Announces Public Hearings for Parenting Time Guidelines



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The South Dakota Supreme Court's Commission on Parenting Time Guidelines will hold three public hearings this summer to gather input on potential changes to the standard parenting time guidelines. The commission is newly created and includes a circuit court judge, a family law attorney, a childhood development professional, a non-custodial parent, a custodial parent, a state representative, and a state senator. The commission will conduct its first review of the guidelines and will submit a report and any recommendations to the Supreme Court, the Governor, and the Legislature no later than October 1, 2021.

Public hearing dates include:

Sioux Falls – June 14, 2021 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Central Time – Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center, 3200 W. Maple Street, Sioux Falls, SD.

Rapid City – July 1, 2021 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mountain Time – Hotel Alex Johnson, 523 6th Street, Rapid City, SD (Ballroom).

Aberdeen – August 23, 2021 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Central Time (Venue TBD)

Discussion during the public hearings will be limited to potential changes to the standard parenting time guidelines. The hearings are not intended for specific comments or to address complaints involving individual child custody/visitation issues. Written comments or suggestions may also be submitted for consideration by the full commission by mailing them to Parenting Time Guidelines Commission c/o Director of Policy and Legal Services, 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501 or by emailing to casey.deibert@uj.s.state.sd.us. The deadline for written comments is September 1, 2021.