

**SR3-3-203 Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee -- Meeting process.**

- (1) In conducting the Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee meeting:
  - (a) the chair shall allow the appointee to address the committee before the committee hears any other testimony, after the last witness testifies before the committee, and before the committee makes its decision;
  - (b) the chair may hold committee meetings in the geographic area to be served by the judicial office; and
  - (c) the chair may allow testimony from any person wishing to testify, whether the person has submitted a written request to testify or not.
- (2) Before opening comments by the nominee, or at any other time during the meeting, the committee may close the committee meeting for any of the purposes outlined in Utah Code Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act.
- (3) In determining whether to recommend that the nominee be confirmed or rejected by the Senate, the Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee shall:
  - (a) review the appointee's resume, application materials, and any other documents or information related to the nominee's fitness for judicial office;
  - (b) review each written statement submitted to the committee;
  - (c) interview, under oath or affirmation, each judicial appointee;
  - (d) consider the oral testimony of persons testifying to the committee;
  - (e) base its decision regarding confirmation solely upon a consideration of the nominee's fitness for judicial office without regard to any partisan political consideration;
  - (f) vote on whether or not to recommend confirmation of the appointee to the Senate; and
  - (g) transmit its recommendation to the Senate in a form that identifies to the Senate the votes "for" and the votes "against" confirmation.