

1 **1. Mandatory Status Conferences (MSC).**

2 Court clerks shall set a Mandatory Status Conference (MSC) at the time of arraignment
3 for all criminal matters.

4 **2. Misdemeanor Cases.**

5 All misdemeanor matters shall be set for an MSC within thirty (30) days from the date
6 the criminal complaint is filed.

7 If a defendant invokes the right to a speedy trial at arraignment, the Court shall also set
8 the matter for trial within sixty (60) days.

9 **3. Felony and Gross Misdemeanor Cases.**

10 All felony and gross misdemeanor matters shall be set for an MSC within thirty (30) days
11 from the date the criminal complaint is filed.

12 In the alternative, a defendant may elect to proceed with a speedy preliminary
13 examination. If such request is made at arraignment, the preliminary examination shall be
14 set within fifteen (15) days, except for good cause shown.

15 **4. In-Custody Defendants.**

16 Court Administration shall arrange for all in-custody defendants to be transported to
17 Court for their Mandatory Status Conference (MSC), plea and sentencing, order to show
18 cause, review hearing, trial, or preliminary examination, unless transportation is excused
19 by the Court due to the defendant's security status or other good cause. Any request to
20 excuse and cancel transport for an in-custody defendant shall be made via email to
21 IJCCriminal@washoecounty.gov no less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the
22 scheduled proceeding.
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1 **5. Out-of-Custody Defendants.**

2 All out-of-custody defendants must appear in person for their trial, preliminary
3 examination, and plea and sentencing hearings.

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5 For Mandatory Status Conference (MSC), order to show cause, and review hearings,
6 defendants must appear in person unless:

7 (a) the Court approves a request to appear by remote means; or

8 (b) the parties file a written stipulation waiving the defendant's appearance.

9 Absent an emergency, any request to appear remotely or any stipulation pursuant to this
10 section must be filed no less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled hearing.

11 Failure to comply with this timeline may result in a denial of the Request for Remote
12 Appearance.

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15 **6. Automatic Continuances of MSC (First and Second Settings).**

16 Counsel may request a continuance of an MSC for up to thirty (30) days by stipulation,
17 using the form provided on the Court's website, for the first and second MSC settings
18 only.

19 Such stipulations must be filed no less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled
20 hearing.

21 If filed at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance, Court administration may approve up
22 to two (2) such requests without judicial approval.

23 Any stipulation filed fewer than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled hearing
24 must be addressed in open court before the Judge at the scheduled hearing.

1 **7. All Other Continuances.**

2 Any request for a continuance of any criminal court proceeding not addressed in
3 Paragraph (6) shall require a court order based upon a showing of good cause.

4 Such requests may be made either in open court or by written stipulation accompanied by
5 a proposed order.

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7 If counsel seeks a continuance by stipulation:

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- 9 ○ The stipulation must be filed at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled
10 proceeding; and
 - 11 ○ The stipulation must include a proposed order attached as an exhibit.
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13 If counsel fails to file a motion or a stipulation to continue at least twenty-four (24) hours
14 prior to the scheduled proceeding, counsel shall be required to appear on the scheduled
15 court date and place the request on the record.

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18 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

19 Dated this 4th of March 2026.

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21 *Melissa Mangiaracina*
22 MELISSA MANGIARACINA
23 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

