



Judicial Council of California

Family & Juvenile Law Advisory
Committee

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FAMILY AND JUVENILE LAW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF ACTION BY EMAIL

February 13, 2025

Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Tari Cody (cochair) Hon. Stephanie Hulse (cochair), Hon. Akemi Arakaki, Hon. Craig Arthur, Hon. Bunmi Awoniyi, Hon. Brett Bianco, Hon. Brooke Blecher, Hon. Roger Chan, Ms. Trina Edwards, Hon. Ana España, Hon. Katherine Fogarty, Hon. Susan Gill, Hon. Jennifer Guiliani, Ms. Julia Hanagan, Mx. Cory Hernandez, Ms. Diane Iglesias, Hon. Esther Kim, Ms. Selis Koker, Hon. Mary Kreber Varipapa, Mr. Jonathan Laba, Ms. Sharon Lawrence, Hon. Frank Menetrez, Hon. Kelly Neel, Ms. Sherry Petterson, Ms. Melissa Poulos, Chief Brian Richart, Hon. Lawrence Riff, Hon. B. Scott Thomsen, Ms. Susan Thrall, Hon. Rubén Villalobos, and Hon. Monica Wiley.

Advisory Body Members Absent: Ms. Risé Donlon and Ms. Leslie Heimov.

Others Present: Ms. Sarah Jacobvitz, Ms. Shelly La Botte, Ms. Stephanie Lacambra, and Mr. Gregory Tanaka.

ACTION BY EMAIL

As provided in the California Rules of Court, rule 10.75 (o)(1)(B), the chair concluded that prompt action was needed. This action by email concerned matters that would otherwise be discussed in an open meeting; therefore, in accordance with rule 10.75(o)(2), public notice and the proposal were posted on February 4, 2025, to allow at least one complete business day for public comment before the committee took action. No public comments were received.

ACTION ITEMS (ITEM 1)

Item 1

The co-chairs of Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee have concluded that prompt action is needed regarding a recommendation to the Judicial Council that funds for the Access to Visitation Grant Program be reallocated. The Judicial Council has delegated authority to the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee to reallocate and distribute any unspent funds for the contract funding years based on the courts' justification of need for any additional funds. This authority ensures that unused allocations can be redistributed to the courts in a timely manner, in alignment with the requirements of the federal grant year.

Action: *The recommendation to reallocate Access to Visitation funds was approved.*

Results of the email vote:

Yes: 34

No: 0

No response: 2

CLOSURE OF ACTION

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on December 22, 2025.