



# Judicial Council of California

Family & Juvenile Law Advisory  
Committee

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## FAMILY AND JUVENILE LAW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

May 12, 2025  
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
Zoom

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**Advisory Body Members Present:** Hon. Stephanie Hulseley (cochair), Hon. Akemi Arakaki, Hon. Bunmi Awoniyi, Hon. Brett Bianco, Hon. Roger Chan, Hon. Ana España, Ms. Julia Hanagan, Mx. Cory Hernandez, Mr. Jonathan Laba, Ms. Sharon Lawrence, Hon. Frank Menetrez, Mr. Joe Navarro, Hon. Kelly Neel, Ms. Sherry Peterson, Ms. Melissa Poulos, Chief Brian Richart, Hon. Lawrence Riff, and Ms. Susan Thrall.

**Advisory Body Members Absent:** Hon. Tari Cody (cochair), Hon. Craig Arthur, Hon. Brooke Blecher, Ms. Risé Donlon, Ms. Trina Edwards, Hon. Katherine Fogarty, Hon. Susan Gill, Hon. Jennifer Guiliani, Ms. Leslie Heimov, Ms. Diane Iglesias, Hon. Esther Kim, Ms. Rose Klein, Ms. Selis Koker, Mr. Joseph Koller, Hon. Mary Kreber Varipapa, Hon. B. Scott Thomsen, Hon. Rubén Villalobos, and Hon. Monica Wiley.

**Others Present:** Ms. Sarah Jacobvitz, Ms. Tracy Kenny, Ms. Stephanie Lacambra, Ms. Amanda Morris, Ms. Sarah Saria, and Ms. Christy Simons.

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#### OPEN MEETING

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##### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and took roll call.

##### **Approval of Minutes**

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the April 28, 2025, Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee meeting.

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#### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEM 1)

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##### **Item 1**

##### **Report to the Legislature: California Court Appointed Special Advocate Association Allocations and Program Development: Year Three (Action Required)**

(Presenter: Sarah Saria, Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, Judicial Council of California)

The committee reviewed and considered a report to the Legislature on allocations of the \$20 million appropriated for year three (fiscal year 2024-25) for local court-appointed special advocate (CASA) programs to expand capacity, recruitment, and training and to stabilize local budgets and staffing and expand CASA services.

***Action: The committee approved the proposed Judicial Council Report to the Legislature for funding local court-appointed special advocate (CASA) programs for fiscal year 2024-25 with one abstention and without objection.***

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**A D J O U R N M E N T**

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on December 22, 2025.