



COURT INTERPRETERS ADVISORY PANEL

INTERPRETER LANGUAGE ACCESS SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

November 20, 2024
12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Virtual

Advisory Body Members Present: Ms. Anabel Z. Romero (ILAS Chair), Mr. Hector Gonzalez, Jr. (CIAP Vice-Chair), Ms. Angie Birchfield, Stephanie Cameron, Ms. Jennifer De La Cruz, Mr. Hany Farag, Mr. Bryan Kritzeck, Mr. José Navarrete

Advisory Body Members Absent: Ms. Shirley Luo, Hon. Michael P. Pulos

Others Present: Mr. Ray Mata, Mr. Russell McGregor, Mr. Douglas Denton, Ms. Jacquie Ring, Ms. Briana Stone, Ms. Danielle Reier

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. and took roll call.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-1)

Item 1

Potential Recognition of Persons with American Sign Language (ASL) Generalist Credentials to Perform Work in the Courts (Information Only)

The subcommittee received an informational presentation from the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) on their findings regarding the training, portfolio development, and other requirements states use to recognize individuals with ASL generalist credentials to work in the courts, and potential considerations for California.

Some members discussed concerns about potentially amending Evidence Code section 754 to allow generalists to work in the courts, including how it might impact ASL interpreters that work for non-court entities. While some expressed caution about moving too quickly without clear frameworks, others supported taking steps to help expand court user access to ASL interpreters.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on 2/3/2026.