



Judicial Council of California
Executive and Planning Committee

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EXECUTIVE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

September 18, 2025

12:10 to 1:00 p.m.

Videoconference

Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Brad R. Hill (Chair), Hon. Maureen F. Hallahan (Vice-chair), Ms. Kate Bieker, Hon. Stacy Boulware Eurie, Hon. Ryan Davis, Hon. Judith K. Dulcich, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, Hon. Ann C. Moorman, Ms. Dena Stone, Hon. Tamara L. Wood, and Ms. Gretchen Nelson

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. Maria D. Hernandez

Committee Staff Present: Amber Barnett, Josely Yangco-Fronza, and Donna Ignacio

Committee Staff Present: Rebekah Askew, James Barolo, Olivia Bennett, Deborah Brown, Kristin Burford, Francine Byrne, Tony Cheng, Salena Chow, Blaine Corren, Sarah Davis, Robert Downs, Michael Etchepare, Audrey Fancy, Sarah Fleischer-Ihn, Michael Giden, Jenny Grantz, Frances Ho, Sarah Jacobvitz, Maddie Joyner, Julia Kaufman, Youn Kim, Stephanie Lacambra, Eric Long, Jason Lopez, Robert Lower, Chris Magnusson, Paarth Malkan, Ray Mata, Tracy Matthews, Anna Maves, Fran Mueller, Felizia Nava-Kardon, Robert Oyung, Hisham Qutob, Kara Portnow, Kelly Ragsdale, Akilah Robinson, Sarah Saria, Gabrielle Selden, Melanie Snider, Laura Speed, Corby Sturges, Gregory Tanaka, Zlatko Theodorovic, Jeremy Varon, Steven Warner, and Shaneen Williams

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. Staff made the opening announcements and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The committee reviewed the following draft minutes:

- June 10, 2025, open meeting; and
- June 30, 2025, action by email.

Action: *The committee approved the minutes of June 10, 2025, open meeting and June 30, 2025, action by email.*

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1 – 2)

Item 1

**Sabbatical Leave Request: Hon. Ronald Owen Kaye, Superior Court of Los Angeles County
(Action Required)**

Review the sabbatical request for Judge Ronald Owen Kaye and make a recommendation to the Judicial Council to consider approval.

Action: The committee approved that a recommendation be made to the Judicial Council to grant the request of Judge Ronald Owen Kaye for an unpaid sabbatical leave for the period of August 24, 2026, through January 8, 2027.

Item 2

Agenda Setting for October 24, 2025, Judicial Council Meeting (Action Required)

Review draft reports and set the agenda for the Judicial Council meeting in October.

Action: The committee set the agenda for October 24, 2025, Judicial Council meeting by approving reports for placement on the business meeting agenda.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Approved by the committee on November 6, 2025.