



Judicial Council of California

Tribal Court–State Court Forum

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TRIBAL COURT–STATE COURT FORUM

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

August 10, 2023

12:15-1:15 p.m.

Via Zoom

Advisory Body Members Present:	Hon. Abby Abinanti (Cochair), Hon. Joyce Hinrichs (Cochair), Hon. April Attebury, Hon. Richard Blake, Hon. Ana España, Hon. Winston Keh, Hon. Patricia Lenzi, Hon. Kristina Lindquist, Ms. Merri Lopez-Keifer, Hon. Nicholas Mazanec, Hon. Dorothy McLaughlin, Hon. April Olson, Ms. Andera Pella, Hon. Mark Ralphs, Ms. Christina Snider, Hon. Alison Tucher, Ms. Stephanie Weldon, Hon. Christine Williams, and Hon. Joseph Wiseman.
Advisory Body Members Absent:	Hon. Leonard Edwards (Ret.), Hon. Tara Flanagan, Mr. Christopher Haug, Hon. Joni Hiramoto, Hon. Lawrence King, Hon. Devon Lomayesva, Hon. Stephen Place, Hon. Victorio Shaw, Hon. Dean Stout, and Hon. Allen Sumner
Others Present:	Ms. Vida Castaneda, Ms. Audrey Fancy, Ms. Amanda Morris, Ms. Christy Simons.

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m. and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the June 8, 2023, Tribal Court–State Court Forum meeting. Motion to approved by Judge Winston Keh and seconded by Judge Richard Blake. Minutes are approved by consensus.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

Info 1

Cochairs Report

The chairs did not have anything to report at this time.

Info 2

Riverside County Tribal Alliance

Judge McLaughlin updated the members on the activities and work of the Riverside County Tribal Alliance.

Presenter: Hon. Dorothy R. McLaughlin, Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside.

Judge Dorothy McLaughlin presented to the committee a brief overview of the Riverside County Tribal Alliance. Its mission is to minimize court and county intervention and increase tribal participation and control by developing culturally appropriate services for Native American children and families, and to create and sustain partnerships founded upon understanding, communication and cultural awareness among the sovereign tribal nations and community and governmental agencies. The Alliance has three work groups: the substance abuse work group, domestic violence work group, and foster care work group. The entire alliance meets in-person twice a year.

Info 3

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Forum members who serve on this body will update the Forum on recent and upcoming meetings related to tribal issues.

Presenters: Hon. Devon Lomayesva, Chief Judge of the Intertribal Court of Southern California and Judge Joseph Wiseman, Chief Judge of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Tribal Court.

This item was deferred to the next Tribal Court – State Court Forum meeting on October 26, 2023.

Info 4

October 26th Forum in person meeting topic planning.

Discussion of topics and potential speakers and presenters for the Forum in person meeting.

Presenters: All

Forum members had an open discussion of potential meeting topics to be addressed during the in-person meeting on October 26, 2023. Topics raised include training for social workers assigned to tribal cases, fentanyl in tribal communities, possible panels for the Beyond the Bench conference tentatively planned for winter 2024, and the effects of recent legislation on foster care among others.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:57.

Approved by the advisory body on October 26, 2023.