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Tribal Court–State Court Forum

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TRIBAL COURT–STATE COURT FORUM

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

December 12, 2024

12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

Virtual

Advisory Body Members Present:	Hon. Abby Abinanti, Cochair, Hon. Joyce Hinrichs, Cochair, Hon. Lucy Armendariz, Hon. Leonard Edwards, Hon. Michele Fahley, Mr. Christopher Haug, Hon. Winston Keh, Hon. Lawrence King, Hon. Patricia Lenzi, Ms. Merri Lopez-Keifer, Hon. Nicholas Mazanec, Hon. Dorothy McLaughlin, Hon. Stephen Place, Hon. Mark Ralphs, Hon. Dean Stout, Hon. Alison Tucher, Hon. Juan Ulloa, Hon. Christine Williams.
Advisory Body Members Absent:	Hon. Yvette Ayala Henderson, Hon. Richard Blake, Ms. Laila DeRouen, Hon. Ana Espana, Hon. Devin Flesher, Hon. Kristina Lindquist, Hon. April Olson, Ms. Andrea Pella, Hon. Victorio Shaw, Ms. Christina Snider-Ashtari, Hon. Zeke Zeidler.
Others Present:	Ms. Vida Castaneda, Ms. Audrey Fancy, Ms. Ann Gilmour, Hon. Joan Irion, Ms. Tracy Kenny, Ms. Amanda Morris, Ms. Christy Simons, Mr. Corby Sturges

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m. and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the October 10, 2024, Tribal Court–State Court Forum meeting. Motion to approve by Judge Winston Keh, seconded by Judge Lawrence King.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1–2)

Item 1

Indian Child Welfare Act: ICWA Inquiry and Family Finding

Ms. Ann Gilmour briefed committee members on a proposal to amend four rules of court and revise twenty-two Judicial Council forms pertaining to ICWA inquiry and Family Finding.

Cal. Rules of Court 5.481, 5.668, 5.725. Forms ICWA-005-INFO, ICWA-010(A), ICWA-020, JV-101A, JV-320, JV-405, JV-410, JV-412, JV-415, JV-421, JV-430, JV-432, JV-433, JV-435, JV-437, JV-438, JV-440, JV-442, JV-443, JV-446, JV-455, and JV-457.

Action: Committee members were asked to approve the proposed amendments and revisions to move forward to the Rules committee for permission to be put forward for public comment in the spring. Motion

to approve by Judge Leonard Edwards, seconded by Judge Winston Keh. The motion was approved with no opposition.

Item 2

Bishop Paiute Tribal Court and Inyo County Superior Court Joint-Jurisdiction Court Update

Judge Stephen Place updated committee members on the status of the Family Wellness Court being created by the Bishop Paiute Tribal Court and Inyo County Superior Court. Judge Dean Stout recognized contributors to the program and expanded upon challenges it is attempting to correct. The program will be ready for the courtroom soon.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on February 13, 2025.