



Judicial Council of California

Tribal Court–State Court Forum

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TRIBAL COURT–STATE COURT FORUM

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

June 12, 2025

12:15-1:15 p.m.

Virtual

Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Abby Abinanti, Cochair, Hon. Joyce Hinrichs, Cochair, Hon. Lucy Armendariz, Hon. Yvette Ayala Henderson, Hon. Richard Blake, Hon. Leonard Edwards, Hon. Michele Fahley, Hon. Devin Flesher, Hon. Christopher Haug, Hon. Winston Keh, Hon. Patricia Lenzi, Hon. Kristina Lindquist, Hon. Nicholas Mazanec, Hon. April Olson, Ms. Andrea Pella, Hon. Stephen Place, Hon. Mark Ralphs, Hon. Victorio Shaw, Hon. Dean Stout, Hon. Alison Tucher, Hon. Juan Ulloa, Hon. Christine Williams, and Hon. Zeke Zeidler.

Advisory Body Members Absent: Ms. Laila DeRouen, Hon. Ana España, Hon. Lawrence King, Hon. Dorothy McLaughlin, and Ms. Christina Snider-Ashtari.

Others Present: Hon. April Attebury, Ms. Michelle Castagne, Ms. Vida Castaneda, Ms. Ann Gilmour, Hon. Joan Irion, Mr. Cyrus Ip, Ms. Blair Kreuzer, Hon. Devon Lomayesva, Ms. Amanda Morris, Mr. Christopher Sandino, and Ms. Christy Simons.

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m. and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the April 10, 2025, Tribal Court–State Court Forum meeting. Motion to approve from Judge Lucy Armendariz, seconded by Judge Dean Stout.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1–3)

Item 1

Implementation of AB 2108

Presenters/Facilitators: Michelle Castagne, Co-Executive Director, California Tribal Families Coalition, Blair Kreuzer, Co-Executive Director, California Tribal Families Coalition

Michelle Castagne and Blair Kreuzer presented on the court’s role in implementing new requirements around action and notification when children go missing from foster care. Members discussed AB 2108, how implementation will affect different sized courts around the state, and next steps in supporting and stabilizing missing foster youth.

Item 2

Juvenile Law: Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Inquiry and Family Finding Rules and Forms Proposal Post Comment Period

Presenter: Ann Gilmour, Attorney, Judicial Council of California, Center for Families, Children, and the Courts.

Members reviewed comments and proposed responses to rules and forms proposal circulated during the spring cycle.

Action: After review and discussion, the Judge Lucy Armendariz motioned to approve sending the draft proposal to the Judicial Council for approval. Judge Richard Blake seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Item 3

Forum In-Person Meeting and Event September 2025

Presenters/Facilitators: All

Committee members discussed set priority topics for discussion and presentation at the Forum In-person meeting on September 18, 2025 and the recognition and enforcement event taking place on September 19, 2025. Any additional topics will be emailed to Ann Gilmour or Vida Castaneda.

A D J O U R N M E N T

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

Approved by the advisory body on September 18, 2025.