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Tribal Court-State Court Forum

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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

October 9, 2025

12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

Virtual via Zoom

Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Abby Abinanti, Cochair, Ms. Laila DeRouen, Hon. Leonard Edwards, Hon. Michele Fahley, Hon. Benjamin Hanna, Mr. Christopher Haug, Hon. Patricia Lenzi, Hon. Kristina Lindquist, Hon. April Olson, Hon. Karen Riess, Hon. Gary Slossberg, and Hon. Rebecca Wightman.

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. Shama Mesiwala, Cochair, Hon. Yvette Ayala Henderson, Hon. Richard Blake, Hon. Ana España, Hon. Devin Flesher, Hon. Jennifer Lee, Hon. Nicholas Mazanec, Hon. Dorothy McLaughlin, Hon. Stephen Place, Hon. Victorio Shaw, Ms. Christina Snider-Ashtari, Hon. Dean Stout, Hon. Alison Tucher, Hon. Juan Ulloa, and Hon. Zeke Zeidler.

Others Present: Ms. Vida Castaneda, Ms. Anne Hadreas, Ms. Amanda Morris, Ms. Jamie Shechter, and 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.

DISCUSSION ITEM (ITEM 1)

Item 1

Forum In-person Meeting Debrief

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): All

Committee members debriefed topics and issues raised during the in-person meeting held on September 18, 2025, and the Improving Access to Justice Through Recognition & Enforcement of Tribal Court Orders event on September 19, 2025. Some of the discussions included possible proposed amendments to several California Rules of Court and accompanying forms, and the creation of new guidance tools, bench cards, information sheets, and other educational content. The meeting concluded with the creation of three ad hoc work groups to address some of the issues raised.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on December 11, 2025.