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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

August 3, 2020
10:00 AM to 10:30 AM
Videoconference

Advisory Body Members Present:	Hon. Sheila F. Hanson, Chair; Hon. Louis R. Mauro, Vice Chair; Mr. Jake Chatters; Mr. Brian Cotta; Mr. Adam Creiglow; Mr. Alan Crouse; Hon. Julie R. Culver; Hon. Tara Desautels; Hon. Michael S. Groch; Mr. Paras Gupta; Hon. Samantha P. Jessner; Hon. Kimberly Menninger; Hon. James Mize; Mr. Snorri Ogata; Hon. Donald Segerstrom; Hon. Peter Siggins; Hon. Bruce Smith; Ms. Jeannette Vannoy; Mr. Don Willenburg; Mr. David H. Yamasaki; Hon. Theodore Zayner
Advisory Body Members Absent:	Assemblymember Marc Berman; Ms. Alexandra Grimwade; Mr. Darrel Parker; Hon. Joseph Wiseman
Others Present:	Ms. Heather Pettit; Mr. Mark Dusman; Ms. Jamel Jones; Mr. Alex Barnett (Sen. Hertzberg office); Mr. Richard Blalock; Ms. Camilla Kieliger; Ms. Andrea Jaramillo; Ms. Nicole Rosa; Ms. Jackie Woods and other JCC staff present

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM, and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the July 8, 2020, Information Technology Advisory Committee meeting.

There were no public comments received for this meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1 – 4)

Item 1

Chair's Report

Presenter: Hon. Sheila F. Hanson, Chair

Report: Judge Hanson welcomed members to the meeting and provided the follow updates. All ITAC members have agreed to extend their current term on the committee based on the Chief Justice's request. Judge Hanson expressed her gratitude to members.

The Tactical Plan for Technology Workstream nomination solicitation closed at the end of July. There was a great response from a diverse group of courts, judicial officers, court executive officers, and technologists. The workstream kickoff meeting will be later in August and Judge Hanson will share an update at the next Information Technology Advisory Committee meeting.

The Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) workstream is also starting under the leadership of Judge Culver. Judge Hanson is looking forward to the sharing of their exploration and study of ODR technologies and case uses; and providing Information Technology Advisory Committee with key considerations for undertaking an ODR program.

Lastly, Judge Hanson let the members know that the Futures Commission Directive related to remote video appearances was deferred from the July Judicial Council meeting and will be scheduled for the upcoming September meeting.

Item 2

Judicial Council Technology Committee Update

Update on activities and news coming from this internal oversight committee.

Presenter: Hon. Kyle Brodie, Chair, Judicial Council Technology Committee

Report: Judge Brodie provided an update since the last Information Technology Advisory Committee meeting.

Even though there hasn't been any improvement of the state budget situation the Governor's budget provided \$25M for court technology modernization and the Chief Justice tasked the Judicial Council Technology Committee with the responsibility of reviewing/recommending projects to receive funding.

Courts continue working remotely and even though some counties are looking at relaxing stay-at-home orders and reopening, there is still a need for technology.

The Judicial Council Technology Committee held open meetings on June 8 and July 13. Judge Hanson provided an Information Technology Advisory Committee update; they also previewed trial court web templates; and reviewed and approved Information Technology Advisory Committee's recent legislative proposal to allow video appearances in all civil actions and proceedings as well as the rules proposal around electronic filing for recommendation to the council. The final report from the Information Technology Advisory Committee on the Futures Commission Directive related to Intelligent Chat for Self Help Services was also reviewed and approved for submission to the Judicial Council.

The next Judicial Council Technology Committee meeting will be on August 26 by teleconference.

Item 3

Branch Budget Update

Update on the branch budget and technology funding.

Presenter: Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Deputy Director, Budget Services

Report: Mr. Theodorovic noted some bright spots for technology projects in the signed state FY 20/21 budget. Previously submitted judicial branch technology budget change proposals were removed, but in its place is a \$25M technology modernization fund to be used over the next two years. This is a critical technology investment for the judicial branch. He also noted that legislative analysts are tracking the receipts from tax revenue that was delayed due to the pandemic and it appears the state is 5% above the initial forecasts, which may reduce some cuts throughout the state this fiscal year and next.

Item 4

Input on potential Rule or Legislative proposals for next cycle - Discussion

Provide suggestions and input on potential topics for rule or legislative amendment proposals for the next rules cycle, in partnership with other advisory bodies.

Presenter: Hon. Peter Siggins, Chair, Rules and Policy Subcommittee

Discussion: Justice Siggins asked members if there were any rules that would need to be addressed in the next rules cycle. The subcommittee is considering rules relating to access to electronic records, if appropriate. It was suggested that digital evidence will potentially have rule changes to be addressed; however, they workstream is currently reviewing options around managing and storing evidence.

Justice Mauro noted that the appellate courts are not subject to the new electronic filing court rules in Rule of Court 10.66 and asked members if they hear of any confusion to let him know.

There should be a change to the form FW003 item 4, regarding remote court appearance fee waivers. Currently, only by phone is identified and it should include other remote options now available.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Approved by the advisory body on October 2, 2020.