



Judicial Council of California

**JUDICIAL COUNCIL TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING**

August 10, 2026

12:10 p.m.

Videoconference

Members Present: Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Chair; Mr. David Slayton, Vice-Chair; Mr. Charles Johnson; Hon. Ricardo R. Ocampo; Mr. Craig Peters

Members Absent: Ms. Kate Bieker; Hon. Carol A. Corrigan; Hon. Jeffrey C. Kauffman

Others Present: Hon. Sheila F. Hanson, Judicial Council staff

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Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the March 9 and May 5, 2026, Judicial Council Technology Committee meetings, and the June 18, 2026, action by email.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-3)

Item 1

Chair Report (No Action – Information Only)

The committee received an update on activities and news from the Judicial Council Technology Committee chair, Hon. Maria D. Hernandez.

Item 2

Information Technology Advisory Committee: Update and Report (No Action – Information Only)

The committee received an update on activities and news from the Information Technology Advisory Committee chair, Hon. Sheila F. Hanson.

Item 3

Hybrid Courtroom Phase 2 Workstream–Final Findings and Recommendations (Action Required)

Mr. AJ Guzman, co-executive sponsor of the Hybrid Courtroom Phase 2 Workstream, presented the workstream’s final findings and recommendations–*Remote Proceedings Technology Recommendations*.

Action: The committee approved the Remote Proceedings Technology Recommendations and related Judicial Council report for advancement to the Judicial Council for final consideration.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved by the advisory body on [enter date].

Proposed Budget -- IT Modernization Program: Branchwide FY 2026–27			
Appellate Courts			
Program/Projects	Description	JCIT Budget	
Appellate Court JCIT Services Budget	Standing budget item providing JCIT appellate services including ACCMS application maintenance, enhancements, and modernization; and supporting ACCMS hosting, licensing, software management, and vendor services.	\$ 1,000,000	
Total		\$ 1,000,000	
Branchwide Program			
Licenses	Description	JCIT Budget	Los Angeles Allocation
Phoenix SAP	Supports licenses for Phoenix SAP, the financial database used by trial courts to manage budgeting, financial transactions, and reporting.	\$ 500,000	
Adobe Licensing & Forms Development	Supports licenses for the maintenance and creation of digital court forms and documents.	\$ 300,000	
Systems & Applications			
Automated Messaging & Notification Services (AMNS)	The AMNS application provides court hearing reminder services that provide timely alerts and updates to court users, enhancing communication and helping ensure court dates are not missed. The bridge funding supports hosting cost for participating courts. The Superior Court of Los Angeles County hosts and maintains the branchwide solution.		\$ 200,000
Electronic Courts of Appeal Records and Transcripts (eCART)	The eCART application assembles trial court transcripts for submission to the appellate/district courts. The bridge funding supports hosting and application enhancements. The Superior Court of Los Angeles Court will cover the developer and software expenses associated eCART.	\$ 300,000	\$ 200,000
MyCitations: Statewide Index Pilot	Supports the pilot project to enable MyCitations users to search and find infraction citations across all 58 counties, improving consistency, access, security, and reliability.	\$ 582,000	
Virtual Customer Service Center (VCSC)	The VCSC application is a statewide intelligent chat service for court websites that aims to enhance public access to court services through a streamlined, user-friendly virtual platform. This funding cycle focuses on identifying and evaluating opportunities for alternative modernization solutions.	\$ 250,000	
Programs/Projects			
Court Website Services & Operations	JCC Web Services provide maintenance and optimization of court websites to support public access. Funding supports modernizing legacy websites (such as CJER, JRN, and CJEO) to deliver an accessible, secure, and mobile-responsive digital service. Will request continued funding through a FY28-29 Budget Change Proposal.	\$ 2,000,000	
Web Content Accessibility Program (WCAG) Support	JCC Web Services provides branchwide WCAG 2.1 Level AA support for trial court websites, applications, documents, and media to ensure compliance with federal accessibility requirements. Will request continued funding through a FY28-29 Budget Change Proposal.	\$ 1,555,200	
IT Mod Program Support for Branchwide initiatives	Provides program management, coordination, and administrative support for branchwide IT Modernization initiatives, along with procuring grant application software to deliver a more user-friendly and effective grant management solution.	\$ 662,800	
AI Program Support	Supports the resources needed to advance branchwide AI initiatives in alignment with JCC Executive Office and Chief's AI Task Force direction, including delivering AI guidance, evaluating AI tools and use cases, establishing an AI Center of Excellence, building an AI literacy curriculum, and providing project management support AI efforts.	\$ 500,000	
SharePoint Services	SharePoint Services provides enhanced collaboration and document management between courts and the branch, while also strengthening security, improving governance, and increasing operational efficiency.	\$ 450,000	
Appellate Court JCIT Services Budget (Augmentation)	Funding augmentation to address underfunded JCIT appellate services in support of secure networks, application licensing, and case management modernization, including through contractor resources.	\$ 500,000	
Subtotals		\$ 7,600,000	\$ 400,000
Grand Total		\$ 8,000,000	
Note: Any significant unused or returned funding-- up to \$1 million --will be invested in an approved/listed program or allocated to the Web Content Accessibility Program, which currently exceeds \$2 million in costs.			