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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING WITH CLOSED SESSION

October 15, 2020

12:15-1:15 p.m.

By Conference Call

Advisory Body**Members Present:**

Hon. Luis Lavin, Hon. Kevin Brazile, Gurinder Aujla, Hon. Manuel Covarrubias, Hon. Mark Cullers, Ana Maria Garcia, Janet Hudec, Hon. Victoria Kolakowski, David Levin, Hon. Elizabeth Macias, Hon. Lia Martin, Sasha Morgan, Hon. William Murray, Jr., Julie Paik, Michael Powell, Hon. Mickie Reed, Hon. Victor Rodriguez, Janice Schmidt, Hon. Bobbi Tillmon, Hon. Terry Truong, Twila White, Hon. Erica Yew

Advisory Body**Members Absent:**

Hon. Sue Alexander (Ret.), Kim Bartleson, Gina Cervantes, Hon. Mary Greenwood, Mary Hale, Michael Planet, Hon. Sergio Tapia, Hon. Juan Ulloa,

Others Present:

Lisa Chavez, Douglas Denton, Diana Glick, Bonnie Hough, Andi Liebenbaum, Amanda Morris, Catherine Ongiri, Elizabeth Tam, Greg Tanaka

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m. Quorum achieved

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of September 16, 2020 meeting approved. Motion by Judge Victoria Kolakowski, seconded by Judge Mark Cullers.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-3)

Item 1**Update on Annual Agenda Revisions**

Justice Lavin provided the committee with an update of the revisions to the 2020 Annual Agenda. The COVID-19 Pandemic has resulted in numerous challenges to the courts and justice partners as we work to maintain access to justice. The Executive Committee asked each advisory body to reassess how best to meet its charge and the current needs of the judicial branch including, a comprehensive review of all the advisory committees' annual agendas. This was an extremely difficult task. Based on the review of the annual agenda, three projects will be deferred. The ADA bench card update, Deferral of the Guidelines for Machine Translation (including web use) and Use of Tablets to Assist LEP Court Users, and deferral of implementation of mental health

recommendations. These proposed revisions will be reviewed by the Executive Committee in the upcoming weeks.

Item 2

Language Access Subcommittee Update

Judge Rodriguez provided the committee with an update from the Language Access Subcommittee. He briefly shared the following updates on the language access projects: Signage and Technology Grant Program, FY 20-21: After advisory committee (PAF, Information Technology Advisory Committee and Technology Committee) approvals, the Council is scheduled to review the proposed FY 20-21 grant recommendations as a consent item for final approval on November 13. If approved by council, staff will notify the 23 awarded courts and issue Intra-Branch Agreements. Awarded courts will have until December 31, 2021 to expend the funds.

For the FY 2019-20 grant cycle, several courts have encountered significant delays with projects due to court closures and the pandemic. Staff is currently working with 12 courts to allow additional time (120-day extension, until April 30, 2021) to complete awarded projects.

The Annual Language Access Survey launched in early September to determine the courts' provision of language access services, current needs and areas that may need improvement, as of June 30, 2020. The deadline was extended to November 6. A survey report will be issued next year with findings and recommendations.

The Language Access Services team is working with the consultant National Center for State Courts on two projects. The first project is to develop solutions and recommendations that will assist courts with implementation of Rule 1.300, including potential use of technologies to expand LEP court user access to court-ordered programs and services in different languages. A report will be issued in the spring 2021 with recommendations and to help facilitate greater public access to court-ordered programs and services in different languages. The second project, the Public Outreach Campaign, consists of two primary components: 1. dissemination in early 2021 of multilingual educational materials (videos, audio and print) that have been posted to the Language Access Toolkit to different multiethnic media outlets; and 2. conduct of a virtual community engagement meeting in early 2021 to promote language access initiatives and highlight LEP community needs to access the courts.

Item 3

Judicial Diversity Toolkit Update

Staff continues to work with California Lawyers Association to begin to plan the Judicial Diversity Summit in 2021. On October 22, staff will be presenting on Judicial Diversity to state bar leaders across the state to start building interest and excitement about the summit. Additionally, PAF will co-host a number of statewide forums virtually on judicial diversity starting in 2021. PAF will continue to provide online judicial diversity trainings as requested.

The Los Angeles Judicial mentorship program helps prepare people for their application to the bench. This program will launch on November 9th and PAF members were instrumental in the development of the program.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to Closed Session

II. CLOSED SESSION

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the August 20, 2020 (Closed Session) Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness meeting approved. Motion by Judge Bobbi Tillmon, seconded by Judge Elizabeth Macias

Item 1

MC-410 Redesign

Cal. Rules of Court, Rule 10.75 (D)(10)

Item 3

Legislative Working Group Update

Cal. Rules of Court, Rule 10.75 (D)(10)

Item 4

Self-Represented Litigants E-Portal Demonstration

Cal. Rules of Court, Rule 10.75 (D)(10)

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on February 18, 2021.