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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING WITH CLOSED SESSION

February 18, 2021

12:15-1:15 p.m.

By Conference Call

Advisory Body**Members Present:**

Hon. Luis Lavin, Hon. Kevin Brazile, Hon. Sue Alexander (Ret.), Gurinder Aujla, Kim Bartleson, Gina Cervantes, Hon. Manuel Covarrubias, Hon. Mark Cullers, Janet Hudec, Hon. Elizabeth Macias, Sasha Morgan, Julie Paik, Michael Powell, Hon. Mickie Reed, Janice Schmidt, Hon. Bobbi Tillmon, Hon. Terry Truong, Twila White, Hon. Erica Yew

Advisory Body**Members Absent:**

Ana Maria Garcia, Hon. Mary Greenwood, Mary Hale, Hon. Victoria Kolakowski, David Levin, Hon. Lia Martin, Hon. William Murray, Jr., Michael Planet, Hon. Victor Rodriguez, Hon. Sergio Tapia, Hon. Juan Ulloa,

Others Present:

Irene Balajadia, Lisa Chavez, Douglas Denton, Diana Glick, Hon. Mark Juhas, Andi Liebenbaum, Hon. Luis Mauro, Amanda Morris, Catherine Ongiri, Elizabeth Tam, Greg Tanaka

OPEN MEETING**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. Quorum achieved

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of October 15, 2020 meeting December 17, 2020 Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness meetings and of the January 29, 2021 Action by Email were approved.

October 15, 2020 meeting motion to approve by Judge Erica Yew, seconded by Judge Bobbi Tillmon. Kim Bartleson abstained from voting. Motion carried.

December 17, 2020 meeting minutes motion to approve by Kim Bartleson, seconded by Judge Bobbi Tillmon. Judge Erica Yew abstained from voting. Motion carried.

January 29, 2021 action by email minutes motion to approve by Kim Bartleson, seconded by Judge Erica Yew. No abstentions. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-3)**Item 1**

Update on Annual Agenda

Presenter: Judge Kevin Brazile

Item 2

Language Access Subcommittee Update

Presenters: Elizabeth Tam-Helmuth and Douglas Denton

Staff shared the Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) Guidelines Working Group and staff are reviewing the public comments that were received during the public comment period (January 28 – February 16, 2021). The goal is to update the Recommended Guidelines and Minimum Specifications for Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) for Spoken Language Interpreted Events, in order to support VRI in different scenarios – both physical and virtual courtrooms. The guidelines also stress the need for appropriate training – including multilingual instructional material for LEPs – to ensure that remote interpreting allows limited English proficient (LEP) court users to fully and meaningfully participate in court proceedings. After staff’s review of the public comments, the revised guidelines will be submitted to PAF, ITAC, and the Technology Committee for approval. Staff plans to seek Judicial Council approval at its May meeting .

Staff also provided an update on the launch of the public outreach campaign. The goal of Phase 2 of the project is to inform LEP court users across the state of language access services available in the court and to provide information on common court processes. Language Access staff, in collaboration with the National Center for State Courts, will host three 45-minute educational webinars. After the webinars, staff plans to conduct direct outreach to stakeholders on how to access the multilingual materials. In the summer, staff will conduct paid placement/media buys with ethnic media outlets to distribute the multilingual materials on the online Language Access Toolkit. The three webinar sessions will be recorded and posted to the Judicial Council’s Language Access webpage for access at any time.

Item 3

Judicial Diversity Toolkit Update

Presenters: Judge Kevin Brazile and Catherine Ongiri

The committee was updated on the success of the Judicial mentorship program in Los Angeles County Superior Court. Based on the success of the program, there is discussion about making this program statewide.

Staff continues to work with California Lawyers Association to plan the Judicial Diversity Summit in 2021. We are co-sponsoring our first Pathways to the Bench program on 2/19/21 and PAF member Judge Macias will be serving as moderator. Leading up to the Judicial Summit we will be co-sponsoring additional Pathways to the Bench presentations in the Inland Empire and in the Central Valley to target attorneys that may be interested in pursuing an appointment on the bench.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to Closed Session

II. CLOSED SESSION

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of closed portion minutes of the October 15, 2020 Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness meeting.

Motion to approve by Judge Elizabeth Macias, seconded by Judge Bobbi Tillmon. Kim Bartleson abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Item 1

Legislative Update

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

Presenter: Andi Liebenbaum

Item 2

Work Group to Enhance Administrative Standards Addressing Bias in Court Proceedings status report

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

Presenter: Judge Kevin Brazile

Item 3

Work Group on Homelessness status report and request for input

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

Presenters: Justice Louis Mauro

Item 4

Interpreter Waiver Proposed Rule of Court

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

Presenters: Judge Manuel Covarrubias and Diana Glick

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on April 15, 2021.