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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

April 20, 2023
12:15-1:15 p.m.
Via Zoom

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| Advisory Body Members Present: | Hon. Kevin Brazile, Hon. Victor Rodriguez, Hon. Mark Cullers, Hon. Judith K. Dulcich, Ana Maria Garcia, Hon. Amy K. Guerra, Janet Hudec, Hon. Clare Keithley, Hon. Victoria Kolakowski, Hon. Sunil R. Kulkarni, Shirley Luo, Hon. Elizabeth Macias Nina Magno, Hon. Lia Martin, Kemi Mustapha, Julie Paik, Andrea Pella, Michael Powell, Fariba R. Soroosh, Hon. Terry Truong. |
| Advisory Body Members Absent: | Hon. Sue Alexander (Ret.), Morgan Baxter, Hon. Manuel Covarrubias, Hon. Mary Greenwood, Hon. Richard Y. Lee, Lawrence Meyer, Twila White. |
| Others Present: | Hon. Audra Ibarra, Hon. Bentrish Satarzadeh, Hon. Maureen Hallahan, Charlene Depner, Greg Tanaka, Cristina Resendiz-Johnson, Amanda Morris, Lisa Chavez, Douglas Denton, Elizabeth Tam-Helmuth, Irene Balajadia, Aviva Simon, Diana Glick. |

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the February 16, 2023, Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness open session meeting. Motion to approve by Judge Martin and seconded by Janet Hudec Second. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-5)

Item 1

Update on the 2023 Annual Agenda (No Action Required)

Presenter: *Hon. Kevin C. Brazile, Judge of the Superior Court, County of Los Angeles, and Co-chair of the Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness*

On April 12, 2023, the Executive and Planning Committee held its meeting to review all the advisory body annual agendas. Judge Brazile attended the meeting with Greg Tanaka on behalf of PAF. The PAF 2023 annual agenda was unanimously approved. It will be made available and posted online very shortly.

Item 2

Language Access Subcommittee Update (No Action Required)

Presenter: *Hon. Victor A. Rodriguez, Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Division Three and Co-chair of the Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness*

Justice Rodriguez gave the committee an update on the language access subcommittee pending projects, including the cycle 5 signage and technology grant deadline. The language access subcommittee will have its next meeting on April 25, 2023, via zoom.

Item 3

Requirements for New American Sign Language (ASL) Court Interpreters (No Action Required)

Presenter: *Douglas Denton, Principal Manager, Language Access Services*

Douglas Denton presented on a new proposal that is currently open for comment re: new requirements for American Sign Language (ASL) court interpreters. Currently the legal (SC:L) is the only credential recognized by the Judicial Council for ASL court interpreters. The registry of interpreters for the deaf stopped testing for the SC:L, effective January 1, 2016. The proposal that is open for comment offers a solution to this problem, to recognize the Texas Board of Evaluation of Interpreters (BEI) certification for ASL court interpreters through reciprocity for CA. The proposal is open for comment until May 26, 2023.

Item 4

Update on the 2021 Judicial Diversity Summit Recommendations and Referrals from the Executive and Planning Committee (No Action Required)

Presenter: *Ms. Cristina Resendiz-Johnson, Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

Cristina updated the committee that on March 3, 2023, the Executive and Planning Committee, via a memo, referred to PAF 3 of the Summit recommendations for consideration. One of the continued activities we have focused on is organizing and convening educational sessions around the state for attorneys from underrepresented communities to learn about the judicial appointment and elections process. A presentation of one of these educational sessions is to take place during CLA's annual meeting/conference, September 21-23, 2023, in San Diego CA.

Item 5

Welcome to Aviva Simon, New Office of Governmental Affairs Liaison to PAF (No Action Required)

Presenter: *Hon. Victor A. Rodriguez, Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Division Three and Co-chair of the Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness*

Justice Rodriguez gave the committee an introduction to Aviva Simon, providing a brief history of her work.

A D J O U R N M E N T

Adjourn to closed session.

C L O S E D S E S S I O N

Approval of Minutes

The committee approved the closed portion minutes of the October 20, 2022 Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness meeting. Motion to approve by Judge Martin, seconded by Judge Kolakowski. There was no discussion, no modification, no abstentions. Motion carried.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on June 15, 2023.