



Judicial Council of California

Advisory Committee on Providing
Access & Fairness

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PROVIDING ACCESS AND FAIRNESS

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING WITH CLOSED SESSION

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

Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Kevin Brazile, Hon. Victor Rodriguez, Hon. Judith K. Dulcich, Janet Hudec, Hon. Clare Keithley, Hon. Victoria Kolakowski, Shirley Luo, Hon. Elizabeth Macias, Nina Magno, Hon. Lia Martin, Lawrence Meyer, Julie Paik, Michael Powell, Fariba R. Soroosh, Hon. Terry Truong.

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. Sue Alexander (Ret.), Morgan Baxter, Hon. Manuel Covarrubias, Hon. Mark Cullers, Ana Maria Garcia, Hon. Mary Greenwood, Hon. Amy K. Guerra, Hon. Sunil R. Kulkarni, Hon. Richard Y. Lee, Kemi Mustapha, Andrea Pella, Twila White.

Others Present: Irene Balajadia, Douglas Denton, Charlene Depner, Hon. Audra Ibarra, Hon. Louis Mauro, Amanda Morris, Cristina Resendiz-Johnson, Chio Saepanh, Hon. Bentrish Satarzadeh, Elizabeth Tam-Helmuth, Greg Tanaka, Hon. Monica Wiley

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m. and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the open session minutes of the April 20, 2023, Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness meeting. Motion to approve by Judge Judith Dulcich and seconded by Fariba Soroosh. Judge Monica Wiley and Larry Meyer abstained from voting. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-2)

Item 1

Language Access Signage and Technology Grant Program, Cycle 5 (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 Victor Rodriguez provided committee members with a brief update on Cycle 5 of the Language Access Signage and Technology Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2023-24. Full details of the grant program report can be found in the meeting materials.

Action:

Motion to approve the proposed grant awards, with the understanding that some adjustments may be made to the awards based on Technology Committee decisions on August 20, 2023 by Larry Meyer and seconded by Judge Victoria Kolakowski. The motion carried

Motion to recommend that the Judicial Council, effective September 21, 2023, direct Language Access Services to work with Branch Accounting and Procurement to draft and execute intra-branch agreements with each awarded court by Judge Lia Martin and seconded by Judge Judith Dulcich. Judge Elizabeth Macias abstained from voting. The motion carried

The recommendation memorandum and proposed allocations will go before the ITAC in July 2023 and then to the Technology Committee in August 2023 for approval. Once approved the report will go before the Judicial Council during their meeting in September 2023.

Item 2

CA Lawyers Association Annual Conference: Increasing Judicial Diversity Panel (No Action Required)

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

Cristina Resendiz-Johnson briefed committee members on the upcoming California Lawyers Association Conference. The committee is sponsoring a panel on September 22, 2023, moderated by Judge Kevin Brazile. Committee members that are interested in participating in future panels are urged to reach out to Cristina.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further open meeting business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

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

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the closed session minutes of the April 20, 2023, Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness meeting. Motion to approve by Judge Judith Dulcich and seconded by Judge Lia Martin. Larry Meyer abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Adjourned closed session at 12:38 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on August 17, 2023.