



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

August 17, 2023

12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

Zoom

Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Kevin Brazile (Cochair), Hon. Sue Alexander (Ret.), Hon. Manuel Covarrubias, Hon. Judith Dulcich, Ms. Ana Maria Garcia, Hon. Amy Guerra, Ms. Janet Hudec, Hon. Clare Keithley, Hon. Victoria Kolakowski, Hon. Sunil Kulkarni, Hon. Richard Lee, Ms. Nina Magno, Hon. Lia Martin, Mr. Lawrence Meyer, Ms. Kemi Mustapha, Ms. Julie Paik, Ms. Andrea Pella, Mr. Michael Powell, Ms. Fariba Soroosh, Hon. Terry Truong.

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. Victor Rodriguez (Cochair), Ms. Morgan Baxter, Hon. Mark Cullers, Hon. Mary Greenwood, Ms. Shirley Luo, Hon. Elizabeth Macias, Ms. Twila White

Others Present: Ms. Irene Balajadia, Ms. Laura Brown, Mr. Douglas Denton, Ms. Charli Depner, Ms. Anna Maves, Hon. Louis Mauro, Ms. Amanda Morris, Ms. Cristina Resendiz-Johnson, Ms. Elizabeth Tam-Helmuth, Mr. Gregory Tanaka, Ms. Chio Saepanh.

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the June 15, 2023, Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness meeting.

Motion to approve by Mr. Lawrence Meyer and seconded by Judge Judith Dulcich. Judge Manuel Covarrubias, Ms. Ana Maria Garcia, and Ms. Kemi Mustapha abstained. The motion carries.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-2)

Item 1

Equal Access Fund Distribution to the California Access to Justice Commission (Action Required)

Presenter: *Ms. Laura Brown, Sr. Analyst, Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

Ms. Laura Brown briefed committee members on the proposed distribution of the Equal Access Fund from the 2023 budget act to the California Access to Justice Commission and requested committee approval.

No public comments were received on this item prior to this meeting. The committee approved the proposal, and it will be presented to the Judicial Council during their September 2023 meeting.

Action: Motion to approve by Judge Richard Lee and seconded by Judge Clare Keithley. Judge Terry Truong abstained. The motion carries.

Info 1

CLA/CJA Annual Conference: Increasing Judicial Diversity Panel (No Action Required)

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

Ms. Cristina Resendiz-Johnson informed committee members on the upcoming CLA/CJA Annual Conference happening in on September 23-26, 2023, in San Diego, CA. Several members of this committee will be on a panel discussing judicial diversity and moderated by Justice Victor Rodriguez.

Lastly, Judge Kevin Brazile, as cochair, wanted to thank all members whose term ends on September 15, 2023 for their service to this committee.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on **October 19, 2023.**