



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

October 19, 2023

12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

Zoom

Advisory Body Members Present:	Hon. Kevin Brazile (Cochair), Hon. Rebekah Evenson, Hon. Amy Guerra, Ms. Janet Hudec, Hon. Clare Keithley, Hon. Victoria Kolakowski, Hon. Sunil Kulkarni, Hon. Richard Lee, Hon. Cynthia Loo, Ms. Shirley Luo, Hon. Elizabeth Macias, Ms. Nina Magno, Hon. Lia Martin, Mr. Lawrence Meyer, Ms. Kemi Mustapha, Ms. Andrea Pella, Hon. Michael Rhoads, Hon. Terry Truong, Hon. Laura Walton, Mr. Mitchell Wunsch.
Advisory Body Members Absent:	Hon. Victor Rodriguez (Cochair), Ms. Morgan Baxter, Hon. Judith Dulcich, Ms. Ana Maria Garcia, Ms. Julie Paik, Mr. Michael Powell, Ms. Fariba Soroosh, Ms. Twila White.
Others Present:	Mr. Douglas Denton, Ms. Anna Maves, Ms. Amanda Morris, Ms. Cristina Resendiz-Johnson, Ms. Aviva Simon, Ms. Kristine Custodio Suero, Mr. Gregory Tanaka.

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the August 17, 2023, Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness meeting.

Motion to approve by Mr. Lawrence Meyer. Judges Laura Walton and Rebekah Evenson abstained from voting. The motion carries.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-2)

Item 1

Welcome to the New Committee Members

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

Ms. Cristina Resendiz-Johnson introduced new members of the committee whose term started on September 15, 2024. As lead staff, she thanked them for their commitment to access and fairness and informed them to reach out to her if they would like to join any working groups.

Item 2

Racial Justice Toolkit for Judicial Officers and Court Staff

Presenter: *Hon. Elizabeth G. Macias, Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, and Chair of the Ad Hoc Racial Justice Working Group*

Judge Elizabeth Macias gave committee members a brief overview of the Racial Justice Toolkit, the origins of the working group, and the reasons why they created the toolkit. The toolkit is an online hub of information with links to helpful reports and resources related to racial justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion. Ms. Cristina Resendiz-Johnson presented a visual of the website and encouraged committee members to submit any questions or feedback. Members discussed the possibility of replicating this model to address other aspects of diversity in the future.

Action: *Motion to approve the Racial Justice Toolkit and Report to the Judicial Council by Judge Victoria Kolakowski and seconded by Judge Lia. Motion carries.*

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on **February 15, 2024.**