



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

April 18, 2024

12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

Virtual

Advisory Body Members Present:	Hon. Elizabeth Macias (Acting Chair), Ms. Morgan Baxter, Hon. Thomas Delaney, Hon. Judith Dulcich, Hon. Rebekah Evenson, Ms. Ana Maria Garcia, Ms. Janet Hudec, Hon. Clare Keithley, Hon. Sunil Kulkarni, Hon. Richard Lee, Hon. Cynthia Loo, Hon. Lia Martin, Mr. Lawrence Meyer, Mr. Michael Powell, Hon. Michael Rhoads, Hon. Terry Truong, Hon. Laura Walton, Mr. Mitchell Wunsh.
Advisory Body Members Absent:	Hon. Kevin Brazile (Cochair), Hon. Victor Rodriguez (Cochair), Hon. Jose S. Castillo, Hon. Amy Guerra, Hon. Victoria Kolakowski, Ms. Shirley Luo, Ms. Nina Magno, Ms. Kemi Mustapha, Ms. Julie Paik, Ms. Andrea Pella, Ms. Fariba Soroosh, Ms. Twila White.
Others Present:	Mr. Douglas Denton, Ms. Elizabeth Tam-Helmuth, Hon. Jacqueline Jackson, Ms. Youn Kim, Ms. Anna Maves, Ms. Amanda Morris, Ms. Cristina Resendiz-Johnson, Ms. Heather Resetarits, Ms. Chio Saephanh, Ms. Kristine Custodio Suero, Hon. Monica Wiley.

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the February 15, 2024, Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness meeting.

Motion to approve by Judge Judith Dulcich, seconded by Judge Lia Martin. Judges Richard Lee and Terry Truong as well as Mr. Lawrence Meyer abstained from voting. The motion carries.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-3)

Item 1

Update on 2024 Annual Agenda

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

Cristina Resendiz-Johnson informed the committee that the 2024 annual agenda was approved at the March 14, 2024 Executive and Planning committee meeting.

Item 2

Overview of California Court Interpreter Workforce Pilot Program, 2024

Presenter: Mr. Douglas G. Denton, Principal Manager, Language Access Services

Mr. Douglas Denton presented to the committee information on the court interpreter workforce pilot program. Training to employment program. Participating courts agreed to hire pilot participant graduates. They must agree to work for 3 years. Priority will be given to the following candidates: near passers, bilingual court clerks/staff, provisionally qualified interpreters, asl interpreters, and interpreters for registered languages.

Item 3

New Language Access Services Webpages

*Presenters: Ms. Elizabeth Tam-Helmuth, Senior Analyst, Language Access Implementation
Ms. Cynthia Miranda, Senior Analyst, Court Interpreters Program.*

Ms. Elizabeth Tam-Helmuth and Ms. Cynthia Miranda gave committee members a brief tour of the new Language Access Services website, highlighting changes and important items. Site traffic analytics will be collected. April 25, 2024, the site will launch for the public.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further open meeting business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

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

Item 1

Legislative Updates

Presenter: Ms. Heather Resetarits, Attorney, Governmental Affairs

Item 2

New Benchcard: Using LGBTQ+ Inclusive Language and Pronouns

Presenter: Ms. Chio Saephanh, Attorney, Center for Judicial Education and Research

Adjourned closed session at 1:09.

Approved by the advisory body on **June 20, 2024**.