



## 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 20, 2024  
12:15 - 1:15 p.m.  
via Zoom

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**Advisory Body Members Present:** Hon. Kevin Brazile (Cochair), Hon. Victor Rodriguez (Cochair), Hon. Jose Castillo, Hon. Thomas Delaney, Hon. Rebekah Evenson, Ms. Ana Maria Garcia, Hon. Clare Keithley, Hon. Victoria Kolakowski, Ms. Nina Magno, Hon. Lia Martin, Mr. Lawrence Meyer, Ms. Kemi Mustapha, Ms. Julie Paik, Ms. Andrea Pella, Mr. Michael Powell, Hon. Michael Rhoads, Hon. Laura Walton, and Mr. Mitchell Wunsh.

**Advisory Body Members Absent:** Ms. Morgan Baxter, Hon. Judith Dulcich, Hon. Amy Guerra, Ms. Janet Hudec, Hon. Sunil Kulkarni, Hon. Richard Lee, Hon. Cynthia Loo, Ms. Shirley Luo, Hon. Elizabeth Macias, Ms. Fariba Soroosh, Hon. Terry Truong, and Ms. Twila White

**Others Present:** Ms. Irene Balajadia, Mr. Douglas Denton, Elizabeth Tam-Helmuth, Hon. Jacqueline Jackson, Ms. Cristina Resendiz-Johnson, Ms. Eunice Lee, Ms. Anna Maves, Ms. Amanda Morris, and Ms. Chio Saephanh.

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#### OPEN MEETING

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##### 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 minutes of the April 18, 2024, Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness meeting. Motion to approve by Mr. Lawrence Meyer, seconded by Judge Rebekah Evenson.

Justices Victor Rodriguez and Jose Castillo, Judges Kevin Brazile and Laura Walton, and Ms. Kemi Mustapha abstained from voting.

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#### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-2)

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##### Item 1

##### Equal Access Fund Distribution to the California Access to Justice Commission

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

Ms. Laura Brown presented to the committee on the proposed distribution of \$5 million to the California Access to Justice Commission for grants to civil legal aid nonprofits to support the infrastructure and innovations needs of legal services in civil matters for indigent persons, as authorized by the Budget Act of 2024.

**Action:** Motion to approve the proposal by Judge Kevin Brazile, seconded by Justice Jose Castillo. There were no oppositions or abstentions. Judge Victoria Kolakowski noted for the record that she is on the Access to Justice Commission.

**Item 2**

**Language Access Signage and Technology Grant Program**

Presenter: Hon. Victor A. Rodriguez, Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Division Three

Justice Victor Rodriguez presented to the committee on the proposed allocations for Signage and Technology Grant Program, cycle 6. The included a brief history of the Signage and Technology Grant Program and the proposed grant awards of \$2.35 million to expand language access for court users. 18 courts applied for signage and technology needs for fiscal year 2024-25.

**Action:** Motion to approve the proposal by Judge Thomas Delany, seconded by Judge Rebekah Evenson. There were no oppositions or abstentions.

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**A D J O U R N M E N T**

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There being no further open meeting business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:32.

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

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**Approval of Minutes**

The advisory body reviewed and approved the closed session minutes of the April 18, 2024, Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness meeting. Motion to approve by Judge Michael Rhodes, seconded by Judge Clare Keithley.

Justices Victor Rodriguez and Castillo, as well as Judge Laura Walton abstained from voting.

Adjourned closed session at 12:33.

Approved by the advisory body on **August 15, 2024**