



Judicial Council of California

Advisory Committee on Providing
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PROVIDING ACCESS AND FAIRNESS

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING WITH CLOSED SESSION

August 21, 2025

12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

Virtual

Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Victor Rodriguez (Cochair), Hon. Jose Castillo, Hon. Thomas Delaney, Hon. Monica Diaz, Hon. Rebekah Evenson, Hon. Amy Guerra, Hon. Esther Kim, Hon. Victoria Kolakowski, Ms. Shirley Luo, Ms. S. Lynn Martinez, Mr. Lawrence Meyer, Ms. Kemi Mustapha, Ms. Julie Paik, Mr. Michael Powell, Hon. Michael Rhoads, Ms. Fariba Soroosh, and Hon. Terry Truong.

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. Kevin Brazile (Cochair), Ms. Morgan Baxter, Hon. Clare Keithley, Hon. Cynthia Loo, Hon. Elizabeth Macias, Ms. Nina Magno, Hon. Lia Martin, Ms. Andrea Pella, Ms. Katy Van Sant, Hon. Laura Walton, Hon. Julie Weng-Gutierrez, Ms. Twila White, and Mr. Mitchell Wunsh.

Others Present: Ms. Kristin Burford, Ms. Angela De Leon, Mr. Douglas Denton, Ms. Diana Glick, Mr. Cyrus Ip, Hon. Jacqueline Jackson, Ms. Youn Kim, Ms. Eunice Lee, Ms. Anna Maves, Ms. Amanda Morris, Ms. Tsedal Netserab, Hon. Julie Palafox, Ms. Cristina Resendiz-Johnson, Ms. Heather Resetarits, Ms. Melanie Snider, Ms. Elizabeth Tam-Helmuth, Mr. Greg Tanaka, and Mr. Rodney Trevino.

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 open portion minutes of the June 26, 2025, Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness meeting. Judge Victoria Kolakowski moved to approve the minutes and Ms. S. Lynn Martinez seconded that motion. Justice Thomas Delaney and Mr. Lawrence Meyer abstained from voting. With no oppositions, the motion carried.

Justice Rodriguez provided committee members a brief update on the Language Access Subcommittee. Members will meet on August 28, 2025 to review current and potential 2026 language access projects on the PAF Annual Agenda. The Language Access Signage and Technology Grants, Cycle 7 recommendations and proposed allocations were approved by the Judicial Council at their July 18, 2025 meeting. Also, training resources developed for court staff on the appropriate use of the California Courts Voice-to-Text Translator application have been completed and made available to pilot courts.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEM 1)

Item 1

Equal Access Fund: 2025-26 Distribution of Funds to the Access to Justice Commission

Presenter: *Ms. Melanie Snider, Supervising Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts*
The committee reviewed distribution of up to \$5 million to the California Access to Justice Commission for grants to civil legal aid nonprofits and \$250,000 for administration of a tax-advantaged student Loan Repayment Assistance Program.

Action: Mr. Lawrence Meyer moved to approve the draft report and distribution of funds to the Access to Justice Commission and administration of tax-advantaged student Loan Repayment Assistance program. Justice Thomas Delaney seconded that motion. With no opposition or abstentions, the motion carried.

Before closing the open portion of the meeting, Justice Rodriguez recognized members whose terms are expiring and thanked them for their service on the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further open meeting business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the closed session minutes of the June 26, 2025, Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness meeting.

Item 1

Gender Inclusivity of Juror Identification and Juror Questionnaires

Cal. Rules of Court, Rules 10.75(d)(10)

Presenter: *Ms. Kristin Burford, Attorney, Legal Services*

The committee considered a rules and forms proposal to implement Assembly Bill 1899 (Stats. 2024, Ch. 812). This legislation requires the Judicial Council to adopt a standard of judicial administration to ensure the inclusivity of juror identification and juror questionnaires. The proposal will include a new standard, as well as revisions to existing Judicial Council materials to replace gender-based terminology related to jurors.

Adjourned closed session at 1:03 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on



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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

October 16, 2025

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

Zoom

Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Kevin Brazile (Cochair), Ms. Shelly Caterino, Hon. Rebekah Evenson, Hon. Amy Guerra, Hon. Victoria Kolakowski, Ms. Shirley Luo, Ms. Nina Magno, Ms. S. Lynn Martinez, Mr. Michael Powell, Hon. Mickie Reed, Hon. Laura Walton, and Mr. Mitchell Wunsh.

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. Victor Rodriguez (Cochair), Ms. Morgan Baxter, Hon. Jose Castillo, Hon. Thomas Delaney, Hon. Monica Diaz, Hon. Clare Keithley, Hon. Esther Kim, Hon. Cynthia Loo, Hon. Elizabeth Macias, Hon. Lia Martin, Ms. Julie Paik, Hon. Michael Rhoads, Ms. Fariba Soroosh, Ms. Katy Van Sant, and Hon. Julie Weng-Gutierrez.

Others Present: Ms. Angela De Leon, Mr. Douglas Denton, Hon. Candice Garcia-Rodrigo, Ms. Diana Glick, Hon. Jacqueline Jackson, Ms. Eunice Lee, Ms. Amanda Morris, Ms. Elizabeth Tam-Helmuth, and Mr. Greg Tanaka.

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:24 p.m. and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed the open minutes of the August 21, 2025, Advisory Body meeting. Approval was deferred to the next open meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEM (ITEM 1)

Item 1

2026 Draft Annual Agenda Review and Approval (Action Required)

Presenter: *Ms. Diana Glick, Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

Ms. Diana Glick presented the 2026 draft annual agenda to committee members, highlighting updates and changes.

Action: Due to low attendance at the meeting, no vote was taken. An action by email will be held to give all voting members a chance to consider the proposed annual agenda and vote.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEM (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

Info 1

Welcome to New Committee Members and Liaisons

Presenter: *Hon. Kevin C. Brazile, Cochair, Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Judge Kevin Brazile introduced two new members and new a liaison to the committee, providing an overview of their resumes, work history, and accomplishments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PROVIDING ACCESS AND FAIRNESS

MINUTES OF ACTION BY EMAIL

October 22, 2025

12:00 p.m.

Advisory Body Hon. Kevin Brazile (Cochair), Hon. Victor Rodriguez (Cochair), Ms. Morgan Baxter, Hon. Jose Castillo, Ms. Shelly Caterino, Hon. Thomas Delaney, Hon. Monica Diaz, Hon. Rebekah Evenson, Hon. Amy Guerra, Hon. Clare Keithley, Hon. Esther Kim, Hon. Victoria Kolakowski, Hon. Elizabeth Macias, Ms. Nina Magno, Hon. Lia Martin, Ms. S. Lynn Martinez, Ms. Julie Paik, Mr. Michael Powell, Hon. Mickie Reed, Hon. Michael Rhoads, Ms. Fariba Soroosh, Ms. Katy Van Sant, Hon. Laura Walton, and Mr. Mitchell Wunsh.

Members Present: Hon. Cynthia Loo, Ms. Shirley Luo, and Hon. Julie Weng-Gutierrez.

Members Absent:

Others Present: Ms. Diana Glick and Ms. Amanda Morris

ACTION BY EMAIL

As provided in the California Rules of Court, rule 10.75 (o)(1)(B), the chair concluded that prompt action was needed. This action by email concerned matters that would otherwise be discussed in an open meeting; therefore, in accordance with rule 10.75(o)(2), public notice and the proposal were posted on 12:00 p.m. on October 20, 2025, to allow at least one complete business day for public comment before the committee took action. No public comments were received.

ACTION ITEMS (ITEM 1)

Item 1

2026 Draft Annual Agenda Review and Approval (Action Required)

Action: *By majority vote, the draft 2026 Annual Agenda was approved by committee members.*

CLOSURE OF ACTION

There being no further business, the vote was completed at 5:00 p.m. on October 23, 2025.

Approved by the advisory body on