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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING WITH CLOSED SESSION

July 9, 2015
4:30–5:30 p.m.

Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Kenneth K. So, Chair; Hon. James R. Brandlin, Vice-Chair; Hon. Daniel J. Buckley; Hon. James E. Herman; Hon. Brian L. McCabe; Hon. Gary Nadler; Hon. Martin J. Tangeman; Mr. Mark G. Bonino; Mr. James P. Fox; and Ms. Mary Beth Todd.

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. David E. Gunn

Others Present: Ms. Jody Patel and Ms. Marymichael Miatovich; **Committee staff:** Mr. Cory Jasperson, Ms. Laura Speed, Mr. Daniel Pone, Mr. Alan Herzfeld, Ms. Monica LeBlond and Ms. Yvette Casillas-Sarcos.

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m., and took roll call.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Item 1

Invitation to Comment

a) Juvenile Competency

Clarifies the legal process and procedures and proceedings that determine the legal competency of juveniles.

Action: Approved for circulation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further open meeting business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

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

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the June 11, 2015, Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee meeting.

Item 1**Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 10.75(d)(3)*****Negotiations concerning legislation.*****a) AB 900 (Levine), as amended June 24, 2015 – Juveniles: special immigrant juvenile status**

Establishes a new and unprecedented form of guardianship for certain youth between ages 18 and 21 who may qualify for federal Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) status. Among other things, this bill allows, with the consent of the proposed ward, a probate court to establish a guardianship of the person for an unmarried individual, who is at least 18 years of age, but not yet 21, in connection with a petition to make necessary findings regarding SIJ status, as specified. Authorizes the petition for guardianship to be filed by the proposed ward, a relative, or any other person on behalf of the proposed ward. Allows, with the consent, or at the request, of the ward, a court to extend a guardianship of the person beyond 18 years of age in order to allow the ward to complete the application process with United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for classification as a special immigrant juvenile, as specified. Prohibits the guardianship from extending beyond the ward reaching 21 years of age. Provides further that the bill does not authorize the guardian to abrogate any of the rights that a person who has attained 18 years of age may have as an adult under state law, including, but not limited to, decisions regarding the ward's medical treatment, education, or residence, without the ward's express consent. Requires the court, upon petition of a ward who is 18 years of age or older, to make an order terminating the guardianship. Requires the Judicial Council to adopt implementing rules and forms by July 1, 2016.

Action: Concerns

Adjourned closed session at 4:55 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on August 13, 2015.