



RULES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

12:10 – 1:10 p.m.

Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Joan K. Irion (Chair), Hon. Tamara L. Wood (Vice-Chair), Hon. Bunmi O. Awoniyi, Hon. Ryan Davis, Ms. Rachel W. Hill, Mr. Charles Johnson, Mr. Darrel E. Parker, Hon. Michael Rhoads, and Ms. Dena Stone

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. Jeffrey C. Kauffman, Hon. Ricardo R. Ocampo, and Mr. Craig M. Peters

Advisory Body Staff Present: Kristin Burford, Benita Downs, and Eric Long

Advisory Committee Members and Staff Presenting: Hon. Jeffrey S. Ross (Chair, Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions), Sarah Fleischer-Ihn, Sarah Jacobvitz, Stephanie Lacambra, and Kara Portnow

Other JC Staff Present: James Barolo, Audrey Fancy, Anna Maves, Lollie Roberts, and Marymichael Smrdeli

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m., and Ms. Downs took roll call.

Following roll call, Justice Irion informed the committee that, effective January 1, 2026, Judge Crompton's committee assignments have changed; he is now serving on the Executive and Planning Committee and is no longer a member of the Rules Committee.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the December 4, 2025, meeting and the November 20, November 21, and December 19, 2025, actions by email.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 01–03)

CRIMINAL JURY INSTRUCTIONS (CALCRIM)

Judicial Council Report—Recommend Council Action

Item 01

The Rules Committee reviewed a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions for approval of new and revised criminal jury instructions prepared by the advisory committee under rule 2.1050 of the California Rules of Court. These changes will keep the instructions current with statutory and case authority. Once approved, the revised instructions will be published in the 2026 edition of *Judicial Council of California Criminal Jury Instructions (CALCRIM)*.

Action: The committee approved the recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions, which is to go to the Judicial Council for action at the February council meeting.

CRIMINAL

Judicial Council Report—Recommend Council Action

Item 02

The Rules Committee reviewed a recommendation from Judicial Council staff to revise *Findings and Orders for Pretrial Release or Detention* (form CR-104) and *Retail Crime Restraining Order—Criminal* (form CR-164) to make technical revisions. The revisions are necessary to avoid causing confusion for courts.

Action: The committee approved the recommendation from Judicial Council staff, which is to go to the Judicial Council for action at the February council meeting.

FAMILY AND JUVENILE LAW

Memorandum—Rules Committee Action Only

Item 03

The Rules Committee reviewed a request from the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee to add two new projects to its 2025–2026 annual agenda.

Action: The committee took final action in approving the request of the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee to add two new projects to its 2025–2026 annual agenda.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

The Rules Committee's next meeting will be held on March 17, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on March 17, 2026.