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Executive and Planning Committee:
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Executive Summary

As outlined in the California Rules of Court, rule 10.11, the Executive and Planning Committee oversees the Judicial Council's meeting process and operating procedures, including agenda setting for council meetings, development of the council's long-range strategic plan for the judicial branch, and development of policies and procedures related to court facilities and communications with the branch. The committee is also charged with directing the nominations process for vacancies on the council and its advisory bodies and overseeing specific advisory bodies. This report summarizes the committee's activities since the last Judicial Council internal committee presentation during the council's January 17 business meeting.

Overview of Committee Meetings

Since the January 17 Judicial Council business meeting, the committee met by conference call on February 27 (open meeting with closed session) and acted by e-mail twice between meetings on March 20 and 24.

Agenda Setting and Other Business

During its February 27 conference call, the committee set the agenda for the council's March 24 business meeting, which was subsequently canceled in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. The consent and discussion agenda items on the March 24 council business meeting agenda were approved by the Judicial Council via Circulating Orders CO-20-01, CO-20-02, and CO-20-03, which were attested on April 16 by the Administrative Director.

On April 20, the committee acted by e-mail between meetings to review draft reports and approve them for placement on the May 15 council business meeting agenda.

As summarized below, the committee also conducted additional business since the council's January 17 business meeting.

New Subordinate Judicial Officer Positions for Pretrial Pilot Program

During its February 27 conference call, the committee reviewed and confirmed requests from the following superior courts for new, temporary subordinate judicial officer positions to staff a Pretrial Pilot Program for which the courts were recently funded through a two-year grant from the Judicial Council:

- Superior Court of Sacramento County (one new, temporary position);
- Superior Court of Sonoma County (two new, temporary positions); and
- Superior Court of San Mateo County (one new, temporary position).

2020 Annual Agendas

Additionally, on April 24, the committee acted by e-mail between meetings to review and approve the 2020 annual agendas of the following Judicial Council advisory bodies for which it has oversight:

- Advisory Committee on Audits and Financial Accountability for the Judicial Branch;
- Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness;
- Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee;
- Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee;
- Court Facilities Advisory Committee;
- Court Interpreters Advisory Panel;
- Court Security Advisory Committee;
- Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee;
- Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee;
- Tribal Court-State Court Forum; and
- Workload Assessment Advisory Committee.