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Executive Summary

As outlined in 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 oversight of specific advisory bodies and directing the nominations process for vacancies on the council, its advisory bodies, and education curriculum committees. This report summarizes the committee's activities since the last Judicial Council internal committee written report, which was submitted for the council's March 15, 2024, business meeting.

Overview of Committee Meetings

Since the Judicial Council's March 15 business meeting, the committee held one open meeting and one closed meeting by videoconference and conducted one action by email.

Agenda setting and other business

During its April 11, 2024, videoconference, and its May 6, 2024, action by email, the committee set the agenda for the council's May 17 business meeting. The committee also conducted additional business during the April 11 videoconference as summarized below.

Conversion of one permanent subordinate judicial officer position: Superior Court of San Bernardino County

The committee approved the recommendation from Office of Court Research staff and confirmed the request by the Superior Court of San Bernardino County to convert a limited-term subordinate judicial officer (SJO) position to a permanent SJO position.

Extension of temporary SJO positions for Pretrial Release Program: Superior Courts of Fresno, Kern, and Lassen Counties

The committee approved the recommendation from Criminal Justice Services staff and confirmed requests by the Superior Courts of Fresno and Kern Counties for the extension of temporary full-time SJO or commissioner positions, and from the Superior Court of Lassen County for the extension of a temporary increase of SJO positions from 0.3 full-time equivalent (FTE) to 1.0 FTE through June 30, 2025, to support the courts' Pretrial Release Program.

Nominations for Judicial Council and advisory body appointments

During the March 28 closed meeting, the committee reviewed nominations and developed recommendations to the Chief Justice regarding appointments to the Judicial Council and the chair and vice-chair of the Court Executives Advisory Committee.