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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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Judicial Council: Executive and Planning Committee Report

Judicial Council Report Details

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Executive and Planning Committee,
Hon. Brad R. Hill, Chair

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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 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 committees. This report summarizes the committee's activities since the last Judicial Council internal committee written report, which was submitted for the council's business meeting on April 24, 2026.

Overview of Committee Meetings

Since the last council meeting, the committee held one open meeting, three closed meetings, and three actions by email.

During its videoconference on June 9 and its actions by email on June 15 and 29, the committee set the agenda for the council's business meeting on July 17. The committee also conducted additional business as summarized below.

During its action by email on May 7, the committee conducted the following business:

- **Amend 2026 Annual Agendas: Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee.** The committee approved the request from the Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee to add a new one-time project and a new working group to its 2026 Annual Agenda for the update to the Judicial Council’s *Court-Funded Facilities Request Policy*.
- **Subordinate Judicial Officer (SJO) Exception Conversion: Superior Court of Placer County.** The committee approved the recommendation from Judicial Council Research, Analytics, and Data staff to confirm the request by the Superior Court of Placer County for an exception to the conversion of an SJO position to a judgeship.

During its closed meetings on May 21 and 28 and on June 4, the committee reviewed nominations and developed recommendations to the Chief Justice regarding appointments to the following advisory bodies and education curriculum committees:

- Advisory Committee on Audits and Financial Accountability for the Judicial Branch
- Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions
- Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions
- Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness
- Appellate Advisory Committee
- Center for Judicial Education and Resources Advisory Committee
- Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee
- Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee
- Court Facilities Advisory Committee
- Court Interpreters Advisory Panel
- Court Security Advisory Committee
- Criminal Law Advisory Committee
- Data Analytics Advisory Committee
- Executive Committee of the Court Executives Advisory Committee
- Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
- Information Technology Advisory Committee
- Judicial Branch Workers’ Compensation Program Advisory Committee
- Legal Services Trust Fund Commission
- Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee
- Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee
- Traffic Advisory Committee
- Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
- Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee
- Tribal Court–State Court Forum
- Appellate Practice Curriculum Committee
- Civil Law Curriculum Committee
- Criminal Law Curriculum Committee

- Family Law Curriculum Committee
- Judicial Branch Access, Ethics & Fairness Curriculum Committee
- Judicial Branch Leadership Development Curriculum Committee
- Juvenile Law Curriculum Committee
- Probate Law Curriculum Committee
- Trial Court Operations Curriculum Committee