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Executive Summary

As outlined in the California Rules of Court, rule 10.16, the Technology Committee oversees the Judicial Council's policies concerning information technology. The committee assists the council by providing technology recommendations focusing on the establishment of policies that emphasize long-term strategic leadership and align with judicial branch goals. The committee is responsible for ensuring that specific projects approved and funded by the council comply with the relevant council policies, proceed on schedule, and stay within scope and budget. This report summarizes the committee's activities since the last Judicial Council internal committee written report, which was submitted for the council's January 19, 2024 business meeting.

Overview of Committee Meetings

Information Technology Advisory Committee

Since the last Judicial Council meeting, the Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC), overseen by the Technology Committee, held an open meeting on January 31, 2024. ITAC reviewed and approved the draft Judicial Council report on the proposal to adopt minimum technology standards for the courtroom technology necessary to permit remote participation in court proceedings, as required by Senate Bill 133 (Stats. 2023, ch. 34). ITAC also reviewed and approved its 2024 Annual Agenda.

ITAC is scheduled to meet on March 7, 2024. At that meeting, the committee will review the Electronic Evidence Workstream Phase 2 Findings and Recommendations final report, as well as discuss the draft *California Trial Court Facilities Standards 2023*.

Technology Committee

The Technology Committee held an open meeting on February 5, 2024. The committee approved the draft Judicial Council report on the proposal to adopt minimum technology standards for the courtroom technology necessary to permit remote participation in court proceedings, as required by SB 133. The committee also approved ITAC's 2024 Annual Agenda and began discussions about the IT Modernization Funding program for fiscal year (FY) 2024–25.

The Technology Committee is scheduled to have an open meeting on March 11, 2024, to discuss the California Courts Connected Framework, the Electronic Evidence Workstream Phase 2 report, and a proposal for the distribution of remaining funding from FY 2023–24 IT programs. The IT Modernization Funding program for FY 2024–25 will also be discussed, with the goal of recommending specific branch priorities for that funding. The committee will also discuss and take action on proposed updates to the *California Trial Court Facilities Standards 2023* related to technology, specifically including audiovisual requirements.

Technology outreach

At the joint Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee and Court Executives Advisory Committee meeting in February, Judge Todd Bottke, vice-chair of the Technology Committee, Judge Sheila Hanson, chair of ITAC, and staff of the Judicial Council Information Technology (JCIT) office presented information about committee and JCIT services available to the courts.

Also in February, ITAC presented an educational session to the Chief Justice's Artificial Intelligence (AI) working group.