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Executive Summary

As outlined in rule 10.16 of the California Rules of Court, 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 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 business meeting on April 23, 2026.

Overview of Committee Meetings

Information Technology Advisory Committee

The Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC), overseen by the Technology Committee, completed several actions during this reporting period. On April 20, ITAC conducted an action by email approving the IT Modernization fiscal year (FY) 2026–27 workstream's completion of the project evaluations—in accordance with the defined evaluation elements—and the submission of its results to the Technology Committee.

On April 24, ITAC conducted a second action by email and approved the proposed grant awards for the Language Access Signage and Technology Grant Program, Cycle 8, for FY 2026–27 for recommendation to the Technology Committee.

ITAC held an open meeting on June 17 and approved the sunseting of the IT Modernization FY 2025–26 workstream and an update to its annual agenda. The update elevates the Frameworks for Effective Technology Adoption initiative from the workstream waitlist. This initiative focuses on developing tools and models that will enable the branch and the courts to evaluate technology solutions, establish implementation road maps, and strengthen collaboration. It will also produce data needed to better inform future branchwide technology decisions. ITAC will hold an open meeting on July 15 to consider approval of the final *Remote Proceedings Technology Recommendations* developed by the Hybrid Courtroom Phase 2 Workstream before it advances to the Technology Committee and ultimately the Judicial Council for approval in December.

Technology Committee

The Technology Committee held an open meeting on May 5 and approved the proposed awards for three programs for FY 2026–27: the Language Access Signage and Technology Grant Program, Cycle 8; the Jury Management System Grant Program; and the IT Modernization Grant Program’s local court projects. The committee also approved initiating a workstream to update the *Judicial Branch Technology Governance and Funding Model* and provide an information report to the Judicial Council for its meeting on July 17 to inform the council that this work will begin. The committee held an action by email on June 18 to approve the updated ITAC 2026 Annual Agenda.