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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 that align with judicial branch goals. The committee is responsible for ensuring specific projects approved and funded by the council comply with the relevant council policies, proceed on schedule, and stay within scope and budget.

Overview of Committee Meetings

Since the March 11, 2022, Judicial Council meeting, the Technology Committee met by videoconference for an open meeting on May 18, 2022, June 1, 2022, and will also meet remotely on July 11, 2022. The committee also conducted one action by email and held two education sessions.

Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) Annual Agenda and Proposed Rules

At its July 11 meeting, the committee will be asked to approve a proposal to amend the ITAC 2022 Annual Agenda to add the Ad Hoc Workgroup on Post-Pandemic Initiatives recommendations. The committee will also review three rule amendment proposals from ITAC's

Rules and Policy Subcommittee, and will be asked to recommend those amendments be presented to the Judicial Council.

Court Technology Modernization Funding

The committee received an update on the Governor’s proposed budget for FY 2022–23 including additional funding for technology to improve access to justice. The committee received updates on the activities underway with the existing Court Technology Modernization Funding (CTMF). Using the California Courts Connected Framework, courts completed a technology inventory to assist the Technology Committee in identifying branch priorities for the FY 2022–23 cycle of CTMF. Feedback was sought from the IT Community and ITAC in the development of next year’s CTMF priorities, project requirements, and guiding principles. The committee then approved the CTMF program priorities, project requirements, and guiding principles for FY 2022–23.

For the FY 2022–23 cycle of CTMF, there is a single, streamlined online application for applying for CTMF along with three other technology grant opportunities: Model Self-Help Technology, Language Access Signage and Technology, and Jury System Management. The announcement for FY 2022–23 Technology Funding Opportunities was distributed on June 16; a branchwide webinar to demonstrate the application process and answer questions was held on June 24; and proposals for the current year’s funding may be submitted until July 15.

Technology Related Budget Change Concepts

The committee reviewed and approved five technology-related 2023–24 Budget Change Concepts to ensure that alignment with technology goals approved by the council in the strategic technology plan. These recommendations were provided to the Judicial Council Budget Committee.

Strategic Plan for Technology Update 2023–26

The Technology Committee is sponsoring a workstream to update the Strategic Plan for Technology for 2023–26. The workstream has completed the review and work on existing goals 1–4 and introduced a new goal 5 titled “Promote Equal Access to the Digital Court.” The document was distributed for a month-long public comment period on July 1. It is anticipated that the new plan will be submitted to the Judicial Council for approval in November 2022.