



# Judicial Council of California

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### Executive Summary

As outlined in the 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 directing the nominations process for vacancies on the council and its advisory bodies and education curriculum committees, and overseeing specific advisory bodies. This report summarizes the committee's activities since the last Judicial Council internal committee written report, which was submitted for the council's March 24, 2023, business meeting.

### Overview of Committee Meetings

Since the Judicial Council's March 24 business meeting, the committee held one closed meeting and two open meetings by videoconference.

### Nominations for Appointments to the Judicial Council

On April 6, the committee held a closed meeting to review nominations and develop recommendations to be submitted to the Chief Justice regarding appointments to the Judicial Council.

## **2023 Advisory Body Annual Agendas**

On April 12, the committee held an open meeting with advisory body chairs and lead staff, to review and approve the 2023 annual agendas of the following advisory bodies for which it has oversight:

- Advisory Committee on Audits and Financial Accountability for the Judicial Branch;
- Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness;
- Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee;
- Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee;
- Court Executives Advisory Committee (amendment);
- Court Facilities Advisory Committee;
- Court Interpreters Advisory Panel;
- Court Security Advisory Committee;
- Data Analytics Advisory Committee;
- Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee;
- Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee;
- Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee (amendment); and
- Tribal Court–State Court Forum.

## **Agenda Setting and Other Business**

On April 18, 2023, the committee met by videoconference to set the agenda for the council’s May 12, 2023, business meeting. During the same meeting, the committee also conducted additional business as summarized below.

### ***Extension of Temporary Subordinate Judicial Officer Positions for Pretrial Release Program: Superior Courts of Fresno, Kern, Lassen, and San Bernardino Counties***

The committee approved the recommendation from Criminal Justice Services staff and confirmed the requests of the Superior Courts of Fresno, Kern, Lassen, and San Bernardino Counties for the extension of temporary subordinate judicial officer (SJO) or commissioner positions through June 30, 2024, to support the Pretrial Release Program.

### ***Conversion of Limited-Term Subordinate Judicial Officer Position to Permanent for Pretrial Release Program: Superior Court of Sonoma County***

The committee approved the recommendation from Judicial Council staff and confirmed the request by the Superior Court of Sonoma County for conversion of a limited-term SJO position serving in support of the court’s Pretrial Release Program to a permanent SJO position serving in the same role.

### ***Fractional Increase of Full-Time Equivalency of Subordinate Judicial Officer Position: Superior Court of Calaveras County***

The committee approved the recommendation from the Office of Court Research staff and confirmed the request from the Superior Court of Calaveras County for a fractional increase in the workload of a 0.3 full-time equivalency (FTE) SJO position to a 0.8 FTE SJO position.