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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 December 12, 2025.

Overview of Committee Meetings

Information Technology Advisory Committee

The Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC), overseen by the Technology Committee, held an open meeting on January 21, 2026. At the meeting, ITAC received a report on the implementation outcomes of Assembly Bill 716, which requires courts to provide public audio access to courtroom proceedings when courthouses are physically closed. The report summarizes data collected from trial courts and Judicial Council staff on the use of one-time funding provided through the Budget Act of 2022 to upgrade courtroom audio and video systems. ITAC recommended submitting the report to the Technology Committee for further consideration.

Technology Committee

The Technology Committee held an open meeting on December 11, 2025, at which it approved the following recommendations for submission to the Judicial Council for consideration at the business meeting on February 20, 2026: (1) Allocate fiscal year (FY) 2025–26 IT Modernization Local Court Project funding to the Superior Courts of Humboldt and Nevada Counties by utilizing funds returned from a court unable to proceed with its approved initiative; and (2) Allocate FY 2025–26 IT Modernization branchwide funding to the Superior Court of Los Angeles County to continue hosting and maintenance of a branchwide Automated Notification Management System that provides automated text message notifications, such as hearing reminders, to court users in nine participating courts.

The committee also approved several actions related to the IT Modernization program for FY 2026–27. These actions included developing a new approach to weight local court project proposals and clarifying project and funding expectations (e.g., not all applicant courts or proposals are guaranteed funding in this cycle). The committee also established three funding priorities: (1) cyber/information security, (2) case management systems and enhancements, and (3) infrastructure. In addition, the committee approved the ITAC 2026 Annual Agenda.

The committee held an open meeting on January 12, 2026, to review and discuss Judicial Council Information Technology budget change proposal concepts for FY 2027–28. No action was taken on this item.

The committee will hold an open meeting with a closed session on February 9 to continue its review and discussion of budget change proposal concepts and may recommend their submission to the Judicial Branch Budget Committee for consideration in the FY 2027–28 budget cycle. The committee will also consider recommending approval of a report on AB 716 implementation outcomes for submission to the Judicial Council at its April 2026 business meeting. The report provides a summary of data collected from trial courts and Judicial Council staff regarding the use of one-time funding allocated through the Budget Act of 2022 to upgrade courtroom audio and video systems.