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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 overseeing specific advisory bodies. This report summarizes the committee's activities since the last Judicial Council internal committee written report submitted for the council's September 25 business meeting.

Agenda Setting and Other Business

Since the September 25 Judicial Council business meeting, the committee met once by videoconference on October 21 to set the agenda for the council's November 13 business meeting.

As summarized below, the committee also conducted additional business during its October 21 videoconference.

Advisory Body Annual Agenda Review

In August, the Judicial Council's internal committee chairs requested advisory body leadership to comprehensively review the work in their current annual agendas or planned for the coming year to prioritize projects that:

- Assist courts, justice partners, and parties with access to justice during and following the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Address otherwise urgent needs; or
- Are mandated by legislation.

Advisory bodies were asked to consider, among other factors:

- Advisory body members' limited ability to participate in advisory body meetings;
- Courts' limited ability to comment on proposals and implement new proposals; and
- Reduced staff time and resources due to staff's increased need to devote its efforts to assist courts with pandemic-related issues.

After completing their reviews, the following advisory bodies overseen by the Executive and Planning Committee submitted drafts of their revised 2020 annual agendas for approval:

- Advisory Committee on Audits and Financial Accountability for the Judicial Branch;
- Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness;
- Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee;
- Court Interpreters Advisory Panel;
- Tribal Court–State Court Forum;
- Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee; and
- Workload Assessment Advisory Committee.

Additionally, the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee and Court Executives Advisory Committee, also overseen by the Executive and Planning Committee, completed their reviews and submitted drafts of their 2021 annual agendas for approval.

During its October 21 videoconference, the committee fully discussed revisions related to the COVID-19 pandemic with advisory body leaders and staff, and it approved the drafts of the revised 2020 and new 2021 annual agendas.

Subordinate Judicial Officer Conversion: Superior Court of Los Angeles County

During its October 21 videoconference, the committee also confirmed a request from the Superior Court of Los Angeles County to convert one subordinate judicial officer position to a judgeship.