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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 July 9, 2021 Judicial Council meeting, the Technology Committee met by videoconference for a closed meeting with an education session on August 9, an education session on August 13, and two open meetings on August 20 and September 13, 2021.

Court Technology Modernization Funding

The committee received updates on the activities for fiscal year (FY) 2020–21 related to the allocations to the trial courts and the branchwide initiatives across 13 approved program categories. The committee also approved a funding model for FY 2021–22, project recommendations, and recommended allocations to trial courts for local and branchwide funding.

Its decisions were guided by the guiding principles and the program categories previously approved by the committee, with feedback from other advisory committees and branch stakeholders including the Information Technology Advisory Committee, presiding judges, court executives, and court information officers.

The Court Technology Modernization Funding Workstream, which reports to the Technology Committee, made recommendations to the committee on whether proposed trial court projects met key requirements, including benefit to the public, compliance with branchwide policies and standards, the court's ability to commence the project immediately after disbursement of funds, expend or encumber the funds during the fiscal year, and show measurable outcomes.

Rules and Legislative Proposals

The committee approved a proposal to add criminal cases to the e-filing and e-service rules, and received an update on proposals on vendor storage and lodged electronic exhibits that the Information Technology Advisory Committee has deferred. All proposals were circulated for comment.

Branchwide Security

During a closed meeting, the committee received an update on judicial branch and individual court technology security. The committee reviewed and recommended for council action a report on branchwide security.