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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING WITH CLOSED SESSION

August 11, 2014

12:00 to 1:25 pm

Conference Call

Advisory Body Members Present: Justice Richard Huffman, Justice Kathleen O’Leary, Judge Lorna Alksne, Judge Daniel Buckley, Hon. Kim Dunning, Ms. Kimberly Flener, Judge Joyce Hinrichs, Hon. Barbara Kronlund, Judge Thomas Maddock, Ms. Pat Sweeten, Ms. Kim Turner

Advisory Body Members Absent: Judge David Abbott, Judge Brian Walsh, Mr. Michael Planet

JCC Staff Present: Ms. Jody Patel, Mr. Curt Soderlund, Mr. Curt Child, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Mr. John Judnick, Mr. Mark Dusman, Mr. Malcolm Franklin, Ms. Giselle Corrie, Ms. Gwen Arafiles, Mr. Burt Hirschfeld, Ms. Diana Earl, Ms. Diane Lowery

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m, and took roll call.

Public Comments

None were received.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (1 – 2)

Item 1

Presentation of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Change Proposal Concepts (Action Required)

Budget Change Proposals are proposals to change the level of funding or service for activities previously authorized by the Legislature or propose new activities not currently authorized.

Action: All Budget Change approvals were approved unanimously except for the Statewide Partner Data Exchange (one committee member opposed) and the two Facility BCPs were deferred pending staff responses to questions of the committee.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further open meeting business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

C L O S E D S E S S I O N

Item 2

Specific subdivision of rule 10.75 that authorized this agenda item to be closed is 10.75(d)(6).

Descriptor for the subdivision of rule 10.75 that authorized the agenda item to be closed is:

“[N]on-final audit reports or proposed responses to such reports.”

The committee reviewed the pending audit report of the Superior Court of Mendocino County.

Action: The Committee unanimously approved recommending the audit report for the Superior Court of Mendocino be presented to the Judicial Council for acceptance at the Council’s August 27-28, 2014 meeting. The report was recommended for the consent agenda.

Adjourned closed session at 1:25 pm.

Approved by the advisory body on December 18, 2014.



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Advisory Body Members Absent: Judge Brian Walsh

Other JCC Staff Present: Mr. John Judnick

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order

The chair called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. and indicated that there were no public comments received and that staff had responded to all questions of the committee.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEM (ITEM 1)

Item 1

Justice Huffman asked for a motion to approve the two Facility BCPs that were carried over from the August 11, 2014 meeting. Judge Maddock made the motion to approve the two Facility BCPs which was seconded by Judge Alksne.

Committee voted on the following two Facility BCPs:

1. Ongoing Increase to Facility Modifications (\$12.625 million for transfer to the State Court Facilities Construction Fund).
2. Facilities Operations Costs Adjustment (\$27.605 million: \$27.0 million for transfer to the Court Facilities Trust Fund and \$605,000 for transfer to the State Court Facilities Construction Fund).

Action: The committee voted to approve the two BCPs with two "No" votes.

ADJOURNMENT

As this was a vote by email, the meeting was open until the last vote was received on Wednesday, August 20th.

Approved by the advisory body on December 18, 2014.

Link to the California State Auditor Report of November 18, 2014 entitled *Judicial Branch Procurement: Five Superior Courts Did Not Consistently Follow Judicial Branch Contracting Practices*:

<http://www.bsa.ca.gov/pdfs/reports/2014-301.pdf>

Committee Charge

The advisory committee is charged with the following responsibilities and making recommendations to the Chief Justice, the Judicial Council, and the Administrative Director:

- Make recommendations each year on any Budget Change Proposals (BCPs) for funding of the AOC prior to submission to the State Department of Finance. Such recommendations would be based upon information in the BCPs and a review of information on budget and staffing levels at the AOC.
- Make recommendations each year on any proposed changes in the annual compensation plan for the AOC. Such recommendations would include a review of compensation adjustments of comparable entities in the judicial branch and in state and local government. The Chief Justice is charged by law with making the final decision.
- Review all audit reports for the Judicial Branch, including appellate courts, trial courts and the AOC, and where appropriate, make recommendations on individual or systemic issues for the Judicial Council's consideration at the time it receives and considers audit reports.
- Report biennially to the Judicial Council on all AOC contracts for which there is no other external oversight body and that meet established review criteria to ensure such contracts are in support of judicial branch policy as set by the Judicial Council.
- Participate in review of periodic updates and revisions to the Judicial Branch Contracting Manual.
- Make recommendations on any practices that will promote efficiency in the Judicial Branch.
- Make recommendations on any practices that will improve financial accountability in the Judicial Branch.
- Advise on other issues related to the committee charge as requested by the Chief Justice, Judicial Council, or the Administrative Director of the Courts.