



Judicial Council of California

Trial Court Facility Modification
Advisory Committee

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TRIAL COURT FACILITY MODIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF MEETING

April 24, 2025

12:10 PM – 12:45 PM

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Advisory Body Hon. Donald Cole Byrd, Chair
Members Present: Hon. William F. Highberger, Vice-Chair
Hon. John B. Ellis
Hon. Jennifer K. Rockwell
Hon. Vanessa W. Vallarta
Mr. Jarrod Orr
Ms. Anabel Z. Romero
Ms. Nocona Soboleski
Mr. David H. Yamasaki
Hon. Brad R. Hill
Hon. Eric J. Wersching

Advisory Body
Members Absent: Hon. Jennifer K. Rockwell

Others Present: The following Judicial Council staff/others were present:

Mr. David W. Slayton, Court Executive Officer, Superior Court of Los Angeles County
Mr. Tamer Ahmed, Director, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Mr. Jagan Singh, Deputy Director, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Mr. Robert Carlson, Manager, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Mr. James Koerner, Senior Facilities Analyst, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Ms. Sadie Varela, Facilities Analyst, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Ms. Erin Stagg, Attorney II, Judicial Council Legal Services
Ms. Maggie Stern, Attorney II, Judicial Council Legal Services

OPEN SESSION OF MEETING

Call to Order, Opening Remarks, and Roll Call

The chair called the open session of the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m., roll was taken, and opening remarks were made.

PUBLIC WRITTEN COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

OPEN SESSION - ACTION ITEM (ITEM 1)

Action Item 1 – Draft Fiscal Year 2026–27 Los Angeles Spring Street Courthouse Courtrooms Relocation Budget Change Concept

The committee received a presentation on a Budget Change Concept (BCC) to request \$42.4 million General Fund one-time to relocate courtrooms and operations from the Spring Street Courthouse in Los Angeles County. This funding is necessary because of the federal government’s planned divestment of the building of which the Superior Court of Los Angeles County is a primary tenant, leasing a portion of the building’s space to operate its 24-courtroom, civil Spring Street Courthouse in the civic center area of downtown Los Angeles. The Judicial Council was informed by the landlord, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), that the federal government is divesting from the building and that the lease for the superior court, which expires on December 31, 2028, will not be extended.

The committee approved the draft FY 2026–27 Spring Street Courthouse Relocation BCC for consideration by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee and the Judicial Council.

(Motion: Yamasaki; Second: Vallarta)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on May 19, 2025.