



## TRIAL COURT FACILITY MODIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

January 30, 2026

10:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

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**Advisory Body Members Present:** Hon. William F. Highberger, Vice-Chair  
Hon. John B. Ellis  
Hon. Vanessa W. Vallarta  
Mr. Jarrod Orr  
Ms. Anabel Z. Romero  
Ms. Nocona Soboleski  
Mr. David H. Yamasaki

**Advisory Body Members Absent:** Hon. Donald Cole Byrd, Chair  
Hon. Brad R. Hill  
Hon. Jennifer K. Rockwell  
Hon. Eric J. Wersching

**Others Present:** Mr. Tamer Ahmed, Director, Facilities Services  
Mr. Jagan Singh, Deputy Director, Facilities Services  
Mr. Harry O'Hagin, Principal Manger, Facilities Services  
Ms. Maria Atayde-Scholz, Principal Manager, Facilities Services  
Ms. Peggy Symons, Principal Manager, Facilities Services  
Mr. Jeff Anderson, Manager, Facilities Services  
Mr. Robert Carlson, Manager, Facilities Services  
Ms. Jennifer Chappelle, Manager, Facilities Services  
Mr. Jack Collins, Manager, Facilities Services  
Ms. Nanci Connelly, Manager, Facilities Services  
Ms. Satyendra Jenamani, Manager, Facilities Services  
Mr. Zulqar Helal, Manager, Facilities Services  
Mr. Andre Navarro, Manager, Facilities Services  
Mr. Paul Terry, Manager, Facilities Services  
Mr. Ed Ellestad, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Ms. Hilda Iorga, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Ms. Donna Jorgensen, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Mr. Chris Magnusson, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Ms. Jennifer Merrill, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Mr. Yassen Roussev, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Mr. Steve Shelley, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Mr. Robert Stetson, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Mr. Randy Swan, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Mr. Paul Treanor, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Mr. Guillermo Urena, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Mr. Doug Walthour, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Mr. Garrett Reese, Facilities Management Administrator, Facilities Services  
Ms. Elisa Duggan, Engineering Specialist, Facilities Services  
Ms. Heather Staton, Senior Facilities Analyst, Facilities Services  
Ms. Laura Wong, Senior Facilities Analyst, Facilities Services  
Ms. Karyn Chung, Facilities Analyst, Facilities Services  
Ms. Sadie Price, Facilities Analyst, Facilities Services  
Mr. Edward Gonzalez, Security Coordinator, Facilities Services  
Ms. Akilah Robinson, Associate Analyst, Facilities Services  
Ms. Kristin Kerr, Supervising Attorney, Legal Services  
Ms. Erin Stagg, Attorney II, Legal Services

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## OPEN MEETING

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### Call to Order and Roll Call

In the chair's absence, the vice-chair called the open session of the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., roll was taken, and opening remarks were made.

### Approval of Minutes

The advisory body approved the open session minutes of its meeting on December 4, 2025.

*(Motion: Romero; Second: Ellis)*

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## PUBLIC WRITTEN COMMENTS

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No public comments were received.

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## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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The committee received the following update:

### 1. Update on the Governor's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27:

- The Judicial Council received support for the following projects in the Governor's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026–27:
  - *Orange Central Justice Center.* \$36 million one-time General Fund and \$35 million one-time General Fund in FY 2027–28 to supplement previously approved funding to address cost increases to complete the active, major facility modification at the Central Justice Center in Orange County.
  - *Los Angeles Spring Street and Chatsworth Courthouses—Courtroom Relocation and Construction.* \$10.9 million General Fund in FY 2026–27 for the Spring Street Courthouse relocation from the Civic Center area of downtown Los Angeles. This includes \$4.6 million to relocate 23 courtrooms and operations to other courthouses throughout the county and \$6.3 million for preliminary plans and working drawings for a new capital outlay project to build out six courtrooms, support space, and upgraded holding facilities at the Chatsworth Courthouse. This funding is necessary due to the federal government's planned sale of the building the Superior Court of Los Angeles County leases to operate the Spring Street Courthouse.
  - *New San Luis Obispo Courthouse.* \$320.3 million for the design-build phase.
  - *New Nevada City Courthouse.* \$1.5 million for the performance criteria phase.
  - *Plumas–New Quincy Courthouse.* \$2.3 million for the performance criteria phase.
  - *Kings Courthouse Courtroom Buildout.* \$7.6 million for the construction phase.
  - *Sutter Courthouse Courtroom Buildout.* \$6.5 million for the construction phase.
  - *San Joaquin–Stockton Courthouse Courtroom Buildout.* \$6.4 million for working drawings and construction phases.

## 2. Capital Projects Update:

- Funds were previously received for maintenance and utility costs for the new courthouse projects scheduled for completion in 2026 for the superior courts of Riverside (in Indio), Sacramento, Sonoma, and Stanislaus counties:
  - To support the transition into these new facilities and for operational readiness, coordination continues between the Project Management and Facilities Operations units within Judicial Council Facilities Services.
  - The *Stanislaus–New Modesto Courthouse* has experienced minor water infiltration on the ground floor and basement from last month’s heavy rains, and mitigation efforts are underway.
  - Both the *Stanislaus–New Modesto Courthouse* and *Riverside–New Indio Juvenile and Family Courthouse* are expected to complete in summer 2026.

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### **ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1 – 6)**

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#### **Action Item 1: List A – Emergency Facility Modification Funding (Priority 1)**

The committee approved 81 projects for a total of \$2,334,974 to be paid from FM program funds previously encumbered for Priority 1 projects. (*Motion: Yamasaki; Second: Ellis*)

#### **Action Item 2: List B – Facility Modifications Under \$100K (Priority 2)**

The committee approved 54 projects for a total of \$840,621 to be paid from FM program funds previously encumbered for Priority 2 projects under \$100K. (*Motion: Vallarta; Second: Orr*)

#### **Action Item 3: List C – Facility Modification Cost Increases Over \$50K**

The committee approved cost increases over \$50K for four projects for a total of \$367,195 to be paid from FM program funds. (*Motion: Ellis; Second: Yamasaki*)

#### **Action Item 4: List D – Facility Modifications Over \$100K (Priority 2)**

The committee approved six Priority 2 FMs over \$100K for a total cost to the FM program budget of \$1,582,130. The committee requested the project description for FM line #1 is better clarified. (*Motion: Vallarta; Second: Ellis*)

#### **Action Item 5: Trial Court Facility Modifications Report for Quarter 2 of Fiscal Year 2025–26**

The committee approved the draft *Trial Court Facility Modifications Report for Quarter 2 of Fiscal Year 2025–26* for submission to the Judicial Council as an information-only item. The committee requested clarification of the spotlight project’s description on page 7.

(*Motion: Romero; Second: Ellis*)

**Action Item 6: Statewide Solar Phase II**

The committee approved the use of additional funds from the Court Facilities Trust Funds (CFTF) of approximately \$17,207 in FY 2027–28 and \$1,711 in FY 2028–29 and to engage the Leveraged Procurement Agreement Solar Power Purchase Agreement vendor conditioned on the project for the Alameda–East County Hall of Justice meeting the July 2026 Investment Tax Credit deadline.

*(Motion: Vallarta; Second: Yamasaki)*

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**DISCUSSION ITEMS (ITEMS 1–4) (NO ACTION REQUIRED)**

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**Discussion Item 1 – List E – Court-Funded Facilities Requests (CFRs)**

The committee received an update on CFR projects approved by the Facilities Services Director since the last meeting and any CFR projects cancelled.

**Discussion Item 2 – Facilities Maintenance Performance Report**

The committee reviewed the report on facilities maintenance performance.

**Discussion Item 3 – Water Treatment Hydronic Systems**

The committee received an update on a feasibility study to determine the benefits of installing domestic water filtration and/or water softeners in hydronic systems for 10 buildings with the most corrosive and/or hard water quality.

**Discussion Item 4 – Court Facilities Trust Fund Status**

The committee received an update on the status of the CFTF.

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**INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (ITEMS 1–6) (NO ACTION REQUIRED)**

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**Information Item 1 – FY 2024–25 Annual Report to Legislature on Court Facilities Trust Fund Expenditures**

The committee reviewed the FY 2024–25 annual report to the Legislature on CFTF expenditures.

**Information Item 2 – Deferred Maintenance Funding - DMF-3 Projects Update**

The committee received an update on the status of DMF-3 projects. DMF-3 projects are funded by a one-time general fund budget allocation in July 2019 of \$15 million that is earmarked for fire alarm system projects.

**Information Item 3 – Deferred Maintenance Funding - DMF-4 Projects Update**

The committee received an update on the status of DMF-4 projects. DMF-4 projects are funded by a one-time general fund budget allocation in July 2021 of \$180 million (reduced to \$132.6) for trial court facilities. Funding is earmarked primarily for roof, elevator, electrical, fire protection, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) projects.

**Information Item 4 – Architectural Revolving Fund Projects Update**

The committee received an update on the status of FMs in the Architectural Revolving Fund.

**Information Item 5 – Insurance Claims and Restitution Reimbursement Data Report**

The committee received a report on a 10-year summary of insurance claims and restitution order reimbursement.

**Information Item 6 – Boiler and Water Heater Regulation Changes Update**

The committee received an update on the boiler and water heater regulation changes to reduce emissions in the two largest air districts in the state: Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) and South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).

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**A D J O U R N M E N T**

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There being no further business, the open session of the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m., and the advisory committee moved to the closed session of the meeting.

Approved by the advisory body on March 2, 2026.