



Judicial Council of California

**TRIAL COURT FACILITY MODIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING (DRAFT)**

April 6, 2026

10:05 a.m. –12:00 p.m.

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Members Present: Hon. Donald Cole Byrd, Chair
Hon. William F. Highberger, Vice-Chair
Hon. John B. Ellis
Hon. Jennifer K. Rockwell
Mr. Jarrod Orr
Ms. Anabel Z. Romero
Ms. Nocona Soboleski
Mr. David H. Yamasaki

Members Absent: Hon. Brad R. Hill
Hon. Eric J. Wersching
Hon. Vanessa W. Vallarta

Others Present: Ms. Erika Sperbeck, Chief Administrative Officer, Judicial Council Executive Office
Mr. Tamer Ahmed, Director, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Mr. Jagan Singh, Deputy Director, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Ms. Maria Atayde-Scholz, Principal Manager, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Mr. Harry O'Hagin, Principal Manager, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Ms. Peggy Symons, Principal Manager, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Mr. Jeff Anderson, Manager, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Mr. Robert Carlson, Manager, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Mr. Jack Collins, Manager, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Ms. Nanci Connelly, Manager, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Mr. Paul Terry, Manager, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Mr. Paul Fitzgerald, Supervisor, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Ms. Donna Jorgensen, Supervisor, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Mr. Chris Magnusson, Supervisor, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Ms. Jennifer Merrill, Supervisor, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Mr. Yassen Roussev, Supervisor, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Mr. Steve Shelley, Supervisor, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Mr. Robert Stetson, Supervisor, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Mr. Randy Swan, Supervisor, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Mr. Guillermo Urena, Supervisor, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Mr. Doug Walthour, Supervisor, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Ms. Karyn Chung, Facilities Analyst, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Ms. Sadie Price, Facilities Analyst, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Mr. Edward Gonzalez, Security Coordinator, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Ms. Akilah Robinson, Associate Analyst, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Ms. Erin Stagg, Attorney II, Judicial Council Legal Services
Ms. Nirlip Syan, Attorney II, Judicial Council Legal Services

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., roll was taken, and opening remarks were made.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the open session minutes of the March 2, 2026, Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee (TCFMAC) meeting. (*Motion: Ellis; Romero*)

Public Written Comments

The committee received 26 public comments in support of the light-emitting diode (LED) lighting conversion at the Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center in Los Angeles County.

Director's Report

The committee received the following update:

1. Facility Modification (FM) Budget Update:

- To date, the committee has approved approximately \$67 million for FMs:
 - \$21.3 million for *Emergency FMs* (List A);
 - \$7.3 million for *FMs Under \$100K* (List B);
 - \$9.1 million for *FM Cost Increases Over \$50K* (List C);
 - \$26.2 million for *FMs Over \$100K* (List D); and
 - \$3.1 million for *Planned FMs Over \$100K* (List G).

2. Senate and Assembly Budget Committee Updates:

- Pertaining to the February 26, 2026, hearing of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 5, Judicial Council testimony focused on:
 - Highlighting success in delivering the \$125 million Deferred Maintenance Program, noting more detailed year-over-year planning is still under development; and
 - Ability to deliver an annual \$120 million FM program with planned increases of \$10 million every other year.
 - Also, follow-up submission was made for a 10-year capital outlay plan—for funding all 80 projects on the council's *Statewide List of Trial Court Capital-Outlay Projects*, which is estimated at a total cost of \$29.4 billion not including partner agency (e.g., Office of the State Fire Marshal) staffing/support costs.
- Pertaining to the March 16, 2026, hearing of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 6 on Public Safety, Judicial Council testimony focused on:
 - Clarifying key distinctions between capital projects and the FM Program, emphasizing the critical role of each in infrastructure renewal and extending facility life; and
 - Outlining the processes and controls in place to manage cost escalation.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1–7)

Item 1

Fiscal Year 2025–26 Facility Modification Program Budget Actions

Action: For fiscal year 2025–26, the committee approved reallocating \$1.5 million from *Statewide FM Planning to Priority 2 FMs Under \$100,000*.

(Motion: Rockwell; Second: Yamasaki)

Item 2

List A – Emergency Facility Modification Funding (Priority 1)

Action: The committee approved 92 projects for a total of \$4,766,939 to be paid from FM program funds previously encumbered for Priority 1 projects.

(Motion: Highberger; Second: Ellis)

Item 3

List B – Facility Modifications Under \$100K (Priority 2)

Action: The committee approved 43 projects for a total of \$487,001 to be paid from FM program funds previously encumbered for Priority 2 projects under \$100K. The committee did not approve \$5,400 for FM line #8, as electrical upgrades for garbage disposals are not considered a program expense.

(Motion: Highberger; Second: Rockwell)

Item 4

List C – Facility Modification Cost Increases Over \$50K

Action: The committee approved cost increases over \$50K for one project for a total of \$204,268 to be paid from FM program funds. *(Motion: Ellis; Second: Soboleski)*

Item 5

List D – Facility Modifications Over \$100K (Priority 2)

Action: The committee approved three Priority 2 FMs over \$100K for a total cost to the FM program budget of \$393,301. *(Motion: Highberger; Second: Orr)*

Item 6

October Meeting Travel Plans

Action: The committee approved Option 1 (Oct. 29th Lake and Mendocino Courthouses tour; and Oct. 30th Sonoma Courthouse tour/onsite committee meeting) for the October 29–30, 2026, off-site courthouse tours/meeting. *(Motion: Yamasaki; Second: Highberger)*

Item 7

Amended 2026 Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee Annual Agenda

Action: The committee approved the amended 2026 TCFMAC Annual Agenda, which adds: *Court-Funded Facilities Request (CFR) Policy Update as a New or One-Time Project No. 1* and *CFR Policy Working Group*. *(Motion: Highberger; Second: Ellis)*

DISCUSSION ITEMS (ITEMS 1–3) (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

Item 1

List E – Court-Funded Facilities Requests

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

Item 2

Sustainability Update

The committee received an update on sustainability initiatives including Statewide Solar II and Energy Use Intensity Reduction projects.

Item 3

Facilities Maintenance Performance Report

The committee received a report on facilities maintenance performance.

INFORMATION ITEMS (ITEM 1) (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

Item 1

Preventative Maintenance Spotlight Projects

The committee received an update on preventative maintenance projects.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m., and the advisory committee moved to the closed session of the meeting.

Approved by the advisory body on May 18, 2026.