



Judicial Council of California

COURT FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

May 29, 2026

12:00 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.

Public Videocast

Members Present: Hon. Brad R. Hill, Chair
Hon. Eric J. Wersching, Vice-Chair
Hon. JoAnn M. Bicego
Hon. Donald Cole Byrd
Mr. Anthony P. Capozzi
Ms. Melissa Fowler-Bradley
Hon. William F. Highberger
Hon. Harry E. Hull, Jr.
Hon. Steven E. Jahr (Ret.)
Hon. Patricia L. Kelly
Ms. Krista LeVier
Ms. Kyria Martinez
Hon. Gary R. Orozco
Hon. David Edwin Power (Ret.)
Hon. Lisa M. Rogan
Mr. Thomas J. Warwick, Jr.

Members Absent: Hon. Elaine Lu
Hon. Sergio C. Tapia II

Others Present: Ms. Kim Turner, Court Executive Officer Superior Court of Mendocino County
Mr. Baltazar Vazquez, Clerk/Executive Officer, Court of Appeal, Sixth Appellate District
Mr. Tamer Ahmed, Director, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Ms. Kim Bobic, Senior Project Manager, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Ms. Kristin Kerr, Supervising Attorney, Judicial Council Legal Services
Mr. James Koerner, Manager, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Mr. Chris Magnusson, Supervisor, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Ms. Deepika Padam, Manager, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Mr. Troy Pennington, Architect, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Ms. Michelle Petrushka, Senior Facilities Analyst, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Ms. Sadie Price, Facilities Analyst, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Ms. Akilah Robinson, Associate Analyst, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Mr. Jagandeep Singh, Deputy Director, Judicial Council Facilities Services
Ms. Erika Sperbeck, Chief Administrative Officer, Judicial Council Executive Office
Ms. Maggie Stern, Attorney, Judicial Council Legal Services
Ms. Nirlip Syan, Attorney, Judicial Council Legal Services

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., roll was taken, and opening remarks were made.

Public Videocast

A live videocast of the meeting was made available to the public through the Court Facilities Advisory Committee (CFAC) [web page](#) on the California Courts website.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory committee voted—with abstentions of judges Donald Cole Byrd and William F. Highberger, Ex-Officio non-voting members—to approve the minutes of the CFAC meeting held on September 25, 2025. (*Motion: Warwick; Second: Kelly*).

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1–2)

Item 1

Proposals to Name the New Sixth Appellate District Courthouse and the New Ukiah Courthouse for the Superior Court of Mendocino County

Summary: The CFAC received a presentation on the requests to name the new sixth appellate district courthouse in Sunnyvale currently in design and the new main courthouse under construction in Ukiah. Consistent with the [materials](#) (Tabs 3A–C for agenda Item 1), which were posted online for public viewing in advance of the meeting, Mr. Chris Magnusson presented all slides.

Ms. Kim Turner, Court Executive Officer of the Superior Court of Mendocino County, expressed her gratitude for the committee’s timely review of her court’s naming proposal, indicating her new courthouse project is at the point where exterior sheathing is being installed and backing could also be installed for the exterior signage.

Action: The advisory committee—with abstentions of judges Donald Cole Byrd and William F. Highberger, Ex-Officio non-voting members—voted to approve the following two-part motion:

1. Approve both naming proposals (for the new appellate and superior courthouses) for submission to the Judicial Council for review and to consider approval; and
2. Approve the delegation of the review of the committee’s report to the Judicial Council to the CFAC Chair and Vice-Chair.

(*Motion: Warwick; Second: LeVier*)

Item 2**Draft Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan and Capital Outlay Budget Change Proposals for Fiscal Year 2027–28**

Summary: The CFAC received a presentation on the capital projects proposed in the draft *Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan* and Capital Outlay Budget Change Proposals (COBCPs) for fiscal year 2027–28. The five-year plan informs capital project funding requests for upcoming and outlying fiscal years. For consideration of funding in the 2027 Budget Act (FY 2027–28), submission of the five-year plan and COBCPs are required in advance of the California Department of Finance’s early-August 2026 deadline.

Mr. Tamer Ahmed introduced the item, stating the five-year plan is based on the Governor’s proposed budget for FY 2026–27 and the May Revision. He also noted funding support in the Governor’s proposed budget for the active new courthouse capital projects in Nevada City and Quincy (performance criteria), San Luis Obispo (design-build phase), and Fresno and Solano (performance criteria reappropriation). Consistent with the [materials](#) (Tabs 4A–C for agenda Item 2), which were posted online for public viewing in advance of the meeting, Mr. Chris Magnusson presented all slides.

Action: The advisory committee—with abstentions of judges Donald Cole Byrd and William F. Highberger, Ex-Officio non-voting members—voted to approve the following two-part motion:

1. Approve the draft five-year plan and COBCPs for submission to the Judicial Council for review and to consider approval; and
2. Approve the delegation of the review of the committee’s report to the Judicial Council to the CFAC Chair and Vice-Chair.

(Motion: Kelly; Second: Orozco)

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on August 31, 2026.