

## **Court Facilities Advisory Committee**

### **Annual Agenda<sup>1</sup>—2026**

**Approved by Executive and Planning Committee: November 18, 2025**

#### **I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION**

<b>Chair:</b>	Hon. Brad R. Hill, Administrative Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District
<b>Lead Staff:</b>	Mr. Tamer Ahmed, Director, Facilities Services Mr. Chris Magnusson, Facilities Supervisor, Facilities Services
<b>Advisory Body’s Charge/Membership:</b> <a href="#">Rule 10.62</a> of the California Rules of Court states the charge of the Court Facilities Advisory Committee (CFAC), which is to make recommendations to the Judicial Council concerning the judicial branch capital program for the trial and appellate courts.  <a href="#">Rule 10.62(b)</a> sets forth the membership position of the advisory body. The CFAC currently has 18 members. The current advisory body <a href="#">roster</a> is available on the advisory body’s webpage.	
<b>Subgroups of the Advisory Body<sup>2</sup>:</b> 1. Courthouse Cost Reduction Subcommittee 2. Independent Outside Oversight Consultant Subcommittee 3. Subcommittee on Courthouse Names	

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<sup>1</sup> The Annual Agenda outlines the work an advisory body will focus on in the coming year or cycle and identifies areas of collaboration with other advisory bodies and Judicial Council staff resources.

<sup>2</sup> For the definition of “subcommittee” see Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.30(c); for “working group,” see rule 10.70; for “workstream,” see rule 10.53(c); and for “education curriculum committee,” see rule 10.50(c)(6).

### **Advisory Body and Subgroup Meetings Planned for 2026<sup>3</sup>**

No meetings are scheduled at this time.

\*Please note: Historically, the committee has met on an ad hoc basis. This trend will continue within the 2026 calendar year, and the committee/its subcommittees are expected to meet approximately five times.

☐ Check here if in-person meeting is approved by the internal committee oversight chair.

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<sup>3</sup> Refer to section IV. 2 (Meeting frequency) of the [Operating Standards for Judicial Council Advisory Bodies](#) for governance on in-person meetings.

Note: Because of the current budget and staffing constraints, advisory body chairs and staff must first consider meeting remotely. The chair of the Executive and Planning Committee is extending the suspension of advisory body in-person meetings for the 2025–2026 annual agenda cycle. If an in-person meeting is needed, the responsible Judicial Council office head must seek approval from their advisory body’s internal oversight committee chair. Please see the prioritization memo dated July 1, 2025, for additional details.

## II. COMMITTEE PROJECTS

### Priority Levels and Branch Goals Key:

Refer to the following key for populating your project priority levels and branch goals. For each Priority Level 1 proposal, the advisory body **must** provide a specific reason why it should be done this year and how it fits within the identified category. If an advisory committee is interested in pursuing any Priority Level 2 proposals, please include justification as to why the proposal should be approved at this time.

Priority Levels for Non-Rules/Forms	
1	Must be done
2	Should be done
Priority Levels for Rules/Forms Proposals	
1a (Legal Compliance)	Proposal urgently needed to conform to or accurately reflect the law.
1b (Council Directive)	Council has directed the committee to consider new or amended rules and forms.
1c (Urgent Remedial Action)	Change is urgently needed to remedy a problem that is causing significant cost or inconvenience to the courts or the public.
1d (Financial/ Legal Risk Mitigation)	Proposal is otherwise urgent and necessary, such as a proposal that would mitigate exposure to immediate or severe financial or legal risk.
2a (Useful Changes in Law)	Useful, but not necessary, to implement changes in law.
2b (Responsive to Concerns)	Responsive to identified concerns or problems.
2c (Helpful Advancing Branch Goals)	Helpful in otherwise advancing Judicial Council goals and objectives.

Judicial Branch Strategic Plan–Branch Goals	
I.	<a href="#"><u>Access, Fairness, Diversity, and Inclusion</u></a>
II.	<a href="#"><u>Independence and Accountability</u></a>
III.	<a href="#"><u>Modernization of Management and Administration</u></a>
IV.	<a href="#"><u>Quality of Justice and Service to the Public</u></a>
V.	<a href="#"><u>Education for Branchwide Professional Excellence</u></a>
VI.	<a href="#"><u>Branchwide Infrastructure for Service Excellence</u></a>
VII.	<a href="#"><u>Adequate, Stable, and Predictable Funding for a Fully Functioning Branch</u></a>

#	New or One-Time Projects								
1.	<b>Project Title:</b> Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan, Budget Change Concept, and Capital-Outlay Budget Change Proposals for Fiscal Year (FY) 2027–28	<b>Priority:</b> 1							
<b>Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals:</b>									
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<p><b>Project Summary:</b> Review of the <i>Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan</i>, a budget change concept (BCC), and capital-outlay budget change proposals (COBCPs) for FY 2027–28. The five-year plan forms the basis for capital project funding requests for the upcoming and outlying fiscal years; the BCC captures the same proposed capital-outlay funding from fiscal years 2027–28 through 2031–32; and the COBCPs reflect funding requested for the phases of the projects in year 1 (FY 2027–28) of the plan.</p> <p>The BCC will be reviewed by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee (JBBC), in the context of all judicial branch BCCs under consideration to proceed as budget change proposals. Also, a recommendation will be submitted for Judicial Council consideration on the submission of the five-year plan and COBCPs to the California Department of Finance (DOF).</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> The BCC is proposed for the May 2026 JBBC meeting. The five-year plan and COBCPs are proposed for the July 2026 Judicial Council meeting and are due in early August 2026 to the DOF.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:</b> Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council’s offices of Facilities Services, Budget Services, and Legal Services.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. <i>Advisory body staff will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure its review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> Trial and appellate courts; justice partners; DOF; Legislature; and Office of Governor.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> Judicial Branch Budget Committee and Executive and Planning Committee.</p>									

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2.	<b>Project Title:</b> Update to the California Trial Court Facilities Standards	<b>Priority:</b> 1							
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	<p><b>Project Summary:</b> Review of the updated <i>California Trial Court Facilities Standards</i>, which define the minimum space and the functional, technical, and security requirements for the design of new court facilities in the state of California. Updated facilities standards are necessary, as they reflect best practices and successful solutions as the basis for design and construction of functional, durable, maintainable, efficient, and secure contemporary court facilities. A recommendation will be submitted for Judicial Council consideration to adopt the updated facilities standards from the latest 2023 version.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Judicial Council Facilities Services proposes to update the facilities standards on a three-year cycle to incorporate building code and other code updates. The update to the facilities standards from the 2023 version will be reviewed by the CFAC in 2026 and is proposed for a Judicial Council meeting in early 2027.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:</b> Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council’s offices of Facilities Services, Budget Services, and Legal Services.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. <i>Advisory body staff will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure its review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> Trial courts; justice partners; DOF; and State Public Works Board (SPWB).</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> Information Technology Advisory Committee, Court Security Advisory Committee, and Executive and Planning Committee.</p>								

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3.	<b>Project Title:</b> Court Capital-Outlay Projects Reassessment (FY 2026–27 Project Start if Funding Made Available)	<b>Priority:</b> 1							
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	<p><b>Project Summary:</b> Review of the reassessment of all court capital-outlay projects, which will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reevaluation of court needs and current facility plans;</li> <li>2. Updates to facility condition assessments (FCAs), the current prioritization methodology, and project evaluation and scoring; and</li> <li>3. Development of an updated statewide list of courthouse capital-outlay projects.</li> </ol> <p>The Judicial Council’s last reassessment was in 2019, and it is on a 10-year cycle for each reassessment effort. Each reassessment ensures the Judicial Council puts forth the most urgent capital projects for funding.</p> <p>As no funding is currently available to begin the reassessment, the Judicial Council has approved a FY 2026–27 budget change proposal for submission to the DOF to request one-time funding of \$9 million over two fiscal years (\$6 million for consultants’ assessment of court needs and plans development and \$3 million for FCAs) to reassess all courthouse capital-outlay projects. FCAs of court-occupied facilities—identify infrastructure systems and components requiring immediate repair or replacement based on their useful life expectancy, projecting capital funding needs over a 10-year life cycle. FCAs are the basis for the Facility Condition Index, which is an integral component of the prioritization methodology.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Completion of the reassessment is targeted for 2029, contingent that funds are authorized in the Budget Act of 2026 (FY 2026–27) to kick-off the project.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:</b> Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council’s offices of Facilities Services, Budget Services, and Legal Services.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. <i>Advisory body staff will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure its review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> Trial and appellate courts; local county governments; justice partners; DOF; Legislature; and Office of Governor.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> Judicial Branch Budget Committee and Executive and Planning Committee.</p>								

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1.	<b>Project Title:</b> Judicial Branch Courthouse Construction Projects	<b>Priority:</b> 1							
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	<p><b>Project Summary:</b> Review of Judicial Council-approved new courthouse construction and renovation projects in relation to available construction program budget. Submit recommendations for Judicial Council consideration on how projects should proceed with available project budgets.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Ongoing.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:</b> Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council's offices of Facilities Services, Budget Services, and Legal Services.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts.</p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> Trial and appellate courts; justice partners; DOF; and SPWB.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> Judicial Branch Budget Committee and Courthouse Cost Reduction Subcommittee.</p>								
2.	<b>Project Title:</b> Recommendations of the Independent Oversight Consultant (IOC)	<b>Priority:</b> 1							
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	<p><b>Project Summary:</b> Review and monitor implementation of IOC recommendations.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Ongoing.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:</b> Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council's offices of Facilities Services, Budget Services, and Legal Services.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts.</p>								

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	<p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> Trial and appellate courts and justice partners.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> Independent Outside Oversight Consultant Subcommittee.</p>								
3.	<b>Project Title: Courthouse Construction Project Cost Reductions</b>	<b>Priority: 1</b>							
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<p><b>Project Summary:</b> Oversight of reductions to courthouse project costs. Submit recommendations as needed for Judicial Council consideration.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Ongoing.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:</b> Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council's offices of Facilities Services, Budget Services, and Legal Services.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts.</p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> Trial and appellate courts; justice partners; DOF; and SPWB.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> Courthouse Cost Reduction Subcommittee.</p>									
4.	<b>Project Title: Judicial Branch Capital Program Funding</b>	<b>Priority: 1</b>							
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<p><b>Project Summary:</b> Coordinate with the Judicial Council and its Judicial Branch Budget Committee and Executive and Planning Committee to provide funding for the Judicial Branch Capital Program. Submit recommendations as needed for Judicial Council consideration.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Ongoing.</p>									



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5.	<p><b>Project Title:</b> Additional Funding for Existing Courthouse Operations, Maintenance, and Facility Modifications</p>	<p><b>Priority:</b> 1</p>							
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	<p><b>Project Summary:</b> Coordinate with the Judicial Council and its Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee (TCFMAC) to seek additional funding for existing courthouse operations, maintenance, and facility modifications.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Ongoing.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:</b> Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council's offices of Facilities Services, Budget Services, and Legal Services.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts.</p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> Trial and appellate courts; justice partners; DOF; Legislature; and Office of Governor.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> Judicial Branch Budget Committee and Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee.</p>								

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6.	<b>Project Title:</b> Courthouse of the Future						<b>Priority:</b> 1
<b>Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals:</b>							
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<p><b>Project Summary:</b> Review of how the courthouse of the future will be different including pandemic <i>lessons learned</i>, the hybrid courtroom and Digital Court, and applicability to future capital projects. Submit recommendations as needed for Judicial Council consideration.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Ongoing.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:</b> Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council's offices of Facilities Services, Budget Services, and Legal Services.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts.</p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> Trial and appellate courts; justice partners; DOF; Legislature; and Office of Governor.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> Technology Committee, Information Technology Advisory Committee, Data Analytics Advisory Committee, and Courthouse Cost Reduction Subcommittee.</p>							

### III. LIST OF 2025 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
1.	Ongoing: Review of Judicial Council-approved new courthouse construction and renovation projects in relation to available construction program budget and recommend how to proceed.
2.	Ongoing: Review and monitor implementation of IOC recommendations.
3.	Ongoing: Oversight of reductions to courthouse project costs.
4.	Ongoing: Coordinate with the Judicial Council and its Judicial Branch Budget Committee and Executive and Planning Committee to provide funding for the Judicial Branch Capital Program.
5.	Ongoing: Coordinate with the Judicial Council and its TCFMAC to seek additional funding for existing courthouse operations, maintenance, and facility modifications.
6.	Ongoing: Review how the courthouse of the future will implement efficiencies including the hybrid courtroom and Digital Court and applicability to future capital projects.
7.	Completed: On March 12, 2025, and for the Monterey–New Fort Ord Courthouse project, the CFAC reviewed and approved the project’s performance criteria for submission to the SPWB and to proceed with a Request for Qualifications for Design-Build Entity (DBE) and a Request for Proposal for DBE.
8.	Completed: On March 12, 2025, the CFAC reviewed projects proposed in a draft <i>Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan</i> for FY 2026–27 and approved a BCC capturing the same proposed capital-outlay funding from fiscal years 2026–27 through 2030–31. Subsequently, the BCC was submitted to the JBBC for review at its meetings in April and May 2025, in the context of all judicial branch BCCs under consideration to proceed as budget change proposals.
9.	Completed: On March 12, 2025, the CFAC directed cost reductions of the Kern–New East County Courthouse and Orange–New Orange County Collaborative Courthouse projects by the end of 2025, aimed at making smaller courthouse projects (in the range of 1–4 courtrooms) more cost-effective on a cost-per-square-foot basis to improve the likelihood of funding.

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
10.	Completed: On May 23, 2025, the CFAC reviewed and approved the draft <i>Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan</i> and COBCPs for FY 2026–27 for submission to the Judicial Council and DOF. Also, a reduction of the San Joaquin–New Tracy Courthouse project’s building size from 28,000 gross square feet (GSF) to approximately 23,000 GSF was approved for cost-savings. This five-year plan forms the basis for the capital project funding requests for the upcoming and outlying fiscal years, and the COBCPs reflect funding requested for the phases of the projects in year 1 (FY 2026–27) of the plan. Subsequently, the five-year plan and COBCPs were proposed to the council, approved on July 18, 2025, and submitted to the DOF on August 4, 2025.
11.	Completed: On September 22, 2025, the CFAC’s Courthouse Cost Reduction Subcommittee reviewed and approved the reduced building sizes and reduced costs for the Kern–New East County Courthouse and Orange–New Orange County Collaborative Courthouse projects to proceed to the CFAC for review.
12.	Completed: On September 25, 2025, the CFAC reviewed and approved the reduced building sizes and reduced costs for the Kern–New East County Courthouse and Orange–New Orange County Collaborative Courthouse projects. Subsequently, project budget documents were updated, including the <i>Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan for Fiscal Year 2026–27</i> , for submission to the DOF.