



Judicial Council of California

**EXECUTIVE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING**

March 24, 2026

12:10 to 12:40 p.m.

Videoconference

Members Present: Hon. Brad R. Hill (Chair), Hon. Maureen F. Hallahan (Vice-chair), Hon. Stacy Boulware Eurie, Hon. Charles S. Crompton, Hon. Ryan Davis, Hon. Judith K. Dulcich, Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, Ms. Kate Bieker, Ms. Gretchen M. Nelson, and Ms. Dena Stone

Members Absent: Hon. Ann C. Moorman and Hon. Tamara L. Wood

Others Present: Deanna Adams, Irene Balajadia, Amber Barnett, James Barolo, Deirdre Benedict, Laura Brown, Kristin Buford, Tony Cheng, Blaine Corren, Douglas Denton, Jessica Devencenzi, Megan Ellis, Michael Etchepare, Sarah Fleisher-Ihn, Michael Giden, Jenny Grantz, Kristin Greenway, Anne Hadreas, Donna Ignacio, Maddie Joyner, Saskia Kim, Eric Long, Anna Maves, Kelly Meehleib, Edward Metro, Fran Mueller, Miki Novitski, Scott Parker, Kelly Ragsdale, Andrae Randolph, Mustafa Sagir, Tyler Shill, Elaine Siega, Erika Sperbeck, Anna Stenkamp, Gregory Tanaka, Zlatko Theodorovic, Oksana Tuk, Jeremy Varon, Kevin Walker, Julie Walton, Steven Warner, and Josely Yangco-Frona

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. Staff made the opening announcements and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The committee reviewed the following draft minutes:

- January 14, 2026, open meeting, and
- January 30, 2026, action by email.

Action: *The committee approved the minutes of the January 14, 2026, open meeting, and January 30, 2026, action by email.*

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1 – 2)

Item 1

Agenda Setting for April 24, 2026, Judicial Council Meeting (Action Required)

Review draft reports and set the agenda for the Judicial Council meeting in April.

Action: The committee set the agenda for the April 24, 2026, Judicial Council meeting by approving reports for placement on the business meeting agenda.

Item 2

**Extension of Temporary Subordinate Judicial Officer Position for Pretrial Release Program:
Superior Court of Kern County (Action Required)**

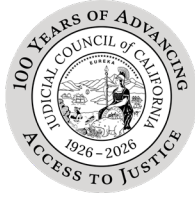
Review a recommendation from Criminal Justice Services staff to confirm a request by the Superior Court of Kern County for the extension of a temporary subordinate judicial officer position through June 30, 2027, to support the court's Pretrial Release Program.

Action: The committee approved, with an abstention from Judge Dulcich, the recommendation from the Criminal Justice Services staff to extend a temporary subordinate judicial officer position through June 30, 2027, to support the court's Pretrial Release Program.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Approved by the committee on _____.



Judicial Council of California

**EXECUTIVE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES OF CLOSED MEETING**

April 14, 2026

12:00–2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Hon. Brad R. Hill (Chair), Hon. Maureen F. Hallahan (Vice-chair), Hon. Stacy Boulware Eurie, Hon. Charles S. Crompton, Hon. Ryan Davis, Hon. Judith K. Dulcich, Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, Hon. Ann C. Moorman, Hon. Tamara L. Wood, Ms. Kate Bieker, Ms. Gretchen M. Nelson, and Ms. Dena Stone

Others Present: Ms. Michelle Curran, Mr. Robert Oyung, Ms. Amber Barnett, Ms. Josely Yangco-Frona, and Ms. Donna Ignacio

CLOSED SESSION (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(D)(1))

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and took roll call.

Item 1

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, 10.75 (d)(1) (Action Required)

Nominations for Judicial Council and Advisory Body Appointments

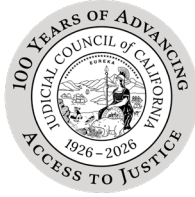
Review nominations and develop recommendations regarding appointments to the Judicial Council of California, the California Access to Justice Commission, and the Court Executives Advisory Committee.

Action: The committee reviewed nominations and developed recommendations regarding appointments to the Judicial Council of California, the California Access to Justice Commission, and the Court Executives Advisory Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Approved by the committee on _____.



Judicial Council of California

**EXECUTIVE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES OF ACTION BY EMAIL**

April 14, 2026

10:02 a.m.

Members Present: Hon. Brad R. Hill (Chair), Hon. Maureen F. Hallahan (Vice-chair), Hon. Stacy Boulware Eurie, Hon. Charles S. Crompton, Hon. Ryan Davis, Hon. Judith K. Dulcich, Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, Hon. Ann C. Moorman, Hon. Tamara L. Wood, Ms. Gretchen M. Nelson, and Ms. Dena Stone

Member Absent: Ms. Kate Bieker

Others Present: Mr. Robert Oyung, Ms. Amber Barnett, Ms. Josely Yangco-Frona, and Ms. Donna Ignacio

ACTION BY EMAIL

As provided in the California Rules of Court, rule 10.75 (o)(1)(B), the chair concluded that prompt action was needed. This action by email concerned matters that would otherwise be discussed in an open meeting; therefore, in accordance with rule 10.75(o)(2), public notice and the proposal were posted on April 14, 2026, and the chair has decided to forego public comment for this proposed action.

ACTION ITEMS (ITEM 1)

Item 1

Agenda Setting for April 24, 2026, Judicial Council Meeting (Action Required)

Review and consider the following draft council reports for placement on April 24, 2026, Judicial Council business meeting agenda.

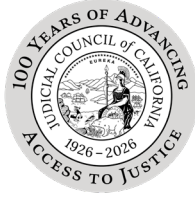
- Discussion Item 26-079 Criminal and Appellate Procedure | Report of the 2025 Proposition 66 Counsel Working Group (No Action Required)
- Consent Item 26-075 Judicial Council | Appointment to the California Access to Justice Commission (Action Required)
- Consent Item 26-068 Rules and Forms | Civil Practice and Procedure: Name Change and Gender Change Rules and Forms (Action Required) (Revised Report)

Action: *The committee approved the reports above for placement on the April 24, 2026, Judicial Council business meeting agenda.*

CLOSURE OF ACTION

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 a.m. on April 15, 2026.

Approved by the committee on _____.



Judicial Council of California

**EXECUTIVE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES OF ACTION BY EMAIL**

May 7, 2026

10:02 a.m.

Members Present: Hon. Brad R. Hill (Chair), Hon. Maureen F. Hallahan (Vice-chair), Hon. Stacy Boulware Eurie, Hon. Charles S. Crompton, Hon. Ryan Davis, Hon. Judith K. Dulcich, Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, Hon. Ann C. Moorman, Hon. Tamara L. Wood, Ms. Kate Bieker, Ms. Gretchen M. Nelson, and Ms. Dena Stone

Others Present: Mr. Robert Oyung, Ms. Amber Barnett, Ms. Josely Yangco-Fronza, and Ms. Donna Ignacio

ACTION BY EMAIL

As provided in the California Rules of Court, rule 10.75 (o)(1)(B), the chair concluded that prompt action was needed. This action by email concerned matters that would otherwise be discussed in an open meeting; therefore, in accordance with rule 10.75(o)(2), public notice and the proposal were posted on May 6, 2026, to allow at least one complete business day for public comment before the committee took action. No comments were received.

ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-2)

Item 1

Amend 2026 Annual Agenda: Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee (Action Required)

Review the request from the Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee to add a new one-time project and a new working group to its 2026 Annual Agenda for the update to the Judicial Council's *Court-Funded Facilities Request Policy*.

Action: *The committee approved the request from the Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee to add a new one-time project and a new working group to its 2026 Annual Agenda for the update to the Judicial Council's Court-Funded Facilities Request Policy.*

Item 2

Subordinate Judicial Officer (SJO) Exception Conversion: Superior Court of Placer County (Action Required)

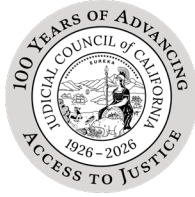
Review a recommendation from the Research, Analytics, and Data staff to confirm the request by the Superior Court of Placer County for an exception to the conversion of a subordinate judicial officer position to a judgeship.

Action: The committee approved the recommendation from the Research, Analytics, and Data staff to confirm the request by the Superior Court of Placer County for an exception to the conversion of an SJO position to a judgeship.

CLOSURE OF ACTION

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m. on May 11, 2026.

Approved by the committee on _____.



Judicial Council of California

**EXECUTIVE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES OF CLOSED MEETING**

May 21, 2026

12:10–3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Hon. Brad R. Hill (Chair), Hon. Maureen F. Hallahan (Vice-chair), Hon. Stacy Boulware Eurie, Hon. Charles S. Crompton, Hon. Ryan Davis, Hon. Judith K. Dulcich, Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, Hon. Ann C. Moorman, Hon. Tamara L. Wood, Ms. Kate Bieker, and Ms. Dena Stone

Members Absent: Ms. Gretchen M. Nelson

Others Present: Ms. Michelle Curran, Mr. Robert Oyung, Ms. Amber Barnett, Ms. Josely Yangco-Fronda, and Ms. Kathy Joson

CLOSED SESSION (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(D)(1))

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. and staff took roll call.

Item 1

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, 10.75 (d)(1) (Action Required)

2026 Advisory Body Nominations Discussions

Review nominations for the following advisory bodies and develop recommendations to be submitted to the Chief Justice:

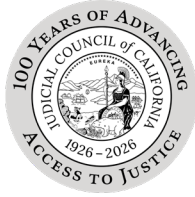
- Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions
- Appellate Advisory Committee
- Center for Judicial Education and Resources Advisory Committee
- Court Security Advisory Committee
- Criminal Law Advisory Committee
- Executive Committee of the Court Executives Advisory Committee
- Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
- Information Technology Advisory Committee
- Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Program
- Legal Services Trust Fund Commission
- Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee
- Traffic Advisory Committee
- Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

Action: The committee developed recommendations to be submitted to the Chief Justice for appointments to all advisory bodies listed above except for the Court Security Advisory Committee, Executive Committee of the Court Executives Advisory Committee, and Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee, which will be reviewed at the May 28, 2026, closed meeting.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Approved by the committee on _____.



Judicial Council of California

**EXECUTIVE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES OF CLOSED MEETING**

May 28, 2026

12:10–3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Hon. Brad R. Hill (Chair), Hon. Maureen F. Hallahan (Vice-chair), Hon. Stacy Boulware Eurie, Hon. Charles S. Crompton, Hon. Ryan Davis, Hon. Judith K. Dulcich, Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, Hon. Ann C. Moorman, Hon. Tamara L. Wood, Ms. Kate Bieker, Ms. Gretchen M. Nelson, and Ms. Dena Stone

Others Present: Ms. Michelle Curran, Mr. Robert Oyung, Ms. Amber Barnett, Ms. Donna Ignacio, Ms. Kathy Josen, and Ms. Maria Kwan

CLOSED SESSION (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(D)(1))

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. and staff took roll call.

Item 1

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, 10.75 (d)(1) (Action Required)

2026 Advisory Body Nominations Discussions

Review nominations for the following advisory bodies and develop recommendations to be submitted to the Chief Justice:

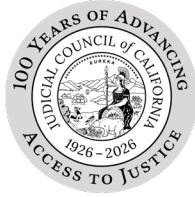
- Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions
- Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness
- Audits and Financial Accountability for the Judicial Branch
- Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee
- Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee
- Court Facilities Advisory Committee
- Court Security Advisory Committee
- Data Analytics Advisory Committee
- Executive Committee of the Court Executives Advisory Committee
- Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee
- Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee
- Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee
- Tribal Court-State Court Forum

Action: The committee developed recommendations to be submitted to the Chief Justice for appointments to all advisory bodies listed above except for the Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions, which will be reviewed at the June 4, 2026, closed meeting.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Approved by the committee on _____.



Judicial Council of California

**EXECUTIVE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES OF CLOSED MEETING**

June 4, 2026

12:10–3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Hon. Brad R. Hill (Chair), Hon. Maureen F. Hallahan (Vice-chair), Hon. Stacy Boulware Eurie, Hon. Charles S. Crompton, Hon. Ryan Davis, Hon. Judith K. Dulcich, Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, Hon. Tamara L. Wood, Ms. Kate Bieker, Ms. Gretchen M. Nelson, and Ms. Dena Stone

Member Absent: Hon. Ann C. Moorman

Others Present: Ms. Michelle Curran, Ms. Amber Barnett, Ms. Maria Kwan, and Ms. Josely Yangco-Frona

CLOSED SESSION (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(D)(1))

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. and staff took roll call.

Item 1

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, 10.75 (d)(1) (Action Required)

2026 Advisory Body and Education Curriculum Committee Nominations Discussions

Review nominations for the following advisory bodies and education committees and develop recommendations to be submitted to the Chief Justice:

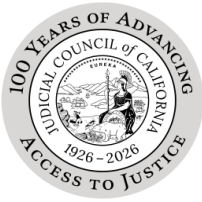
- Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions
- Court Interpreters Advisory Panel
- Appellate Practice Curriculum Committee
- Civil Law Curriculum Committee
- Criminal Law Curriculum Committee
- Family Law Curriculum Committee
- Judicial Branch Access, Ethics & Fairness Curriculum Committee
- Judicial Branch Leadership Development Curriculum Committee
- Juvenile Law Curriculum Committee
- Probate Law Curriculum Committee
- Trial Court Operations Curriculum Committee

Action: The committee developed recommendations to be submitted to the Chief Justice for appointments to all advisory bodies and education committees listed above.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Approved by the committee on _____.



Judicial Council of California

Draft Meeting Agenda

Judicial Council

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Friday, July 17, 2026

San Francisco

CLOSED SESSION (RULE 10.6(b))—PLANNING, PERSONNEL, AND DISCUSSION PROTECTED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

Session: 9:15-9:45 a.m.

OPEN SESSION (RULE 10.6(a))—MEETING AGENDA

A link to the live videostream will be available in the Meeting Information Center at the start of the open session. If the closed session adjourns late, the start time of the open session may be delayed.

Open Session Begins: 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order

10 minutes

Public Comment

10 minutes

The Judicial Council welcomes public comment on general matters of judicial administration or specific agenda items. Written comments are encouraged in advance of the meeting for specific agenda items so council members can consider them prior to the council meeting.

For more information, visit the [Attendance and Public Comment Procedures](#) webpage.

Submit advance requests to speak and written comments for this meeting by 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, by email to:

judicialcouncil@jud.ca.gov

Chief Justice's Report*15 minutes***Administrative Director's Report****26-003 Administrative Director's Report***15 minutes***CONSENT AGENDA***5 minutes*

A council member may request an item be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda. Please notify Josely Yangco-Fronza at 415-865-7626 at least 48 hours before the meeting.

[26-008](#) Minutes of April 24, 2026, Judicial Council Meeting**[26-094](#) Allocations and Reimbursements to Trial Courts | Funding for Court Reporters in Family Law and Civil Law Case Types for Fiscal Year 2026-27 (Action Required)**

Summary: Senate Bill 170 (Stats. 2021, ch. 240), which amended the Budget Act of 2021, provided \$30 million in ongoing General Fund support for trial courts to increase the number of court reporters in family law and civil cases. The budget language in the Budget Act of 2022 and subsequent years expanded the allowable uses for this funding. However, these changes do not affect how the funds are distributed to courts under the council-approved allocation methodology. The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approving the allocation of the ongoing \$30 million to all trial courts, as specified, for fiscal year 2026-27.

[26-090](#) Allocations and Reimbursements to Trial Courts | Pretrial Release Funding and Allocation Methodology (Action Required)

Summary: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approving the fiscal year 2026-27 pretrial release funding of \$48.95 million General Fund for the trial courts and directing Judicial Council staff to conduct a midyear survey and recommend a methodology for reallocating funding to trial courts based on demonstrated need, if available. Funding through the pretrial release program provides for the operation of ongoing court programs and practices that promote the safe, efficient, fair, and timely pretrial release of individuals booked into jail.

[26-099](#)**Child Support | Assembly Bill 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program Funding for Fiscal Year 2026-27 (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council approve the allocation of funding for the Assembly Bill 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program (AB 1058 Program) for fiscal year 2026-27. The funds are provided through a cooperative agreement between the California Department of Child Support Services and the Judicial Council. The agreement requires the council to annually approve the AB 1058 Program funding allocations.

[26-101](#)**Collaborative Justice | Fiscal Year 2026-27 Substance Abuse Focus Grant and Dependency Drug Court Augmentation Grant Funding (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council allocate the Substance Abuse Focus Grant (SAFG) Program's fiscal year (FY) 2026-27 funds to the trial courts using the population-based methodology approved in September 2023. The Budget Act of 2026 allocated \$1.16 million for the SAFG Program to the superior courts to maintain, expand, or enhance collaborative courts. A total of \$75,000 in federal Court Improvement Program funds is also available in FY 2026-27 to fund dependency drug courts.

[26-105](#)**Court Facilities | Naming Request for the New Mendocino Courthouse in Ukiah (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Court Facilities Advisory Committee recommends approving the Superior Court of Mendocino County's request to name the new main courthouse in the City of Ukiah. This approval provides a name for the new main courthouse, whose construction began in winter 2025 and will end in summer 2027.

[26-092](#)**Court Facilities | Naming Request for the New Sixth Appellate District Courthouse in Sunnyvale (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Court Facilities Advisory Committee recommends approving the Court of Appeal, Sixth Appellate District's request to name the new sixth appellate district courthouse in the City of Sunnyvale. This approval provides a name for the new appellate courthouse, whose construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2026 and end in fall 2028.

[26-102](#)**Judicial Branch Technology | Jury Management System Grant Program Allocations for Fiscal Year 2026-27 (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Judicial Council Technology Committee recommends approving proposed allocations totaling \$600,000 for fiscal year 2026-27 for the Jury Management System Grant Program. The goal of the program is to improve the juror experience and reduce court resource needs by enhancing access to information. In this cycle, 15 trial courts submitted grant applications for a total of 17 projects.

[26-052](#)**Juvenile Law | Fiscal Year 2026-27 Funding Allocations for Court Appointed Special Advocate Local Assistance (Action Required)****Summary:**

The fiscal year 2026-27 judicial branch budget includes \$2.7 million for Judicial Council Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) grants. The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends the Judicial Council allocate \$2.7 million to fund 45 CASA programs serving 53 counties, using the amended funding methodology approved on July 12, 2024.

[26-081](#)**Language Access Plan | Allocations for Signage and Technology Grant Program, Cycle 8, Fiscal Year 2026-27 (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness and the Information Technology Advisory Committee recommend approving proposed grant awards for the Language Access Signage and Technology Grant Program of \$2.35 million to improve services and expand language access for court users. For Cycle 8 (fiscal year 2026-27), 24 courts applied for and will be awarded grants for signage and technology projects.

26-100: Judicial Council report pending and will be considered by the Executive and Planning Committee at a later date.

26-100**Rules and Forms | Adjustment to Deposit Account Exemption from Enforcement of Judgment (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Code of Civil Procedure requires the dollar amount of the exemption for a judgment debtor's deposit account to be adjusted annually in July to reflect increases in the minimum basic standard of care for a family of four. Judicial Council staff recommend revising the form that lists the dollar amounts of exemptions from enforcement of judgment to reflect the updated figure for deposit accounts.

[26-095](#)**Rules and Forms | Jury Instructions: Civil Jury Instructions (release 49) (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions recommends approval of revised civil jury instructions and verdict forms prepared by the committee. Among other things, these changes bring the instructions up to date with developments in the law over the previous six months. Upon Judicial Council approval, the instructions will be published in the midyear supplement to the official 2026 edition of the *Judicial Council of California Civil Jury Instructions*.

[26-033](#)**Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act | Selection of Shriver Projects (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Judicial Council is asked to approve funding recommendations under the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act (Assem. Bill 590; Stats. 2009, ch. 457) to support projects providing legal representation and improved court services to low-income parties on critical legal issues affecting basic human needs. These projects address housing, domestic violence, civil harassment probate conservatorships, guardianships, elder abuse, and child custody matters. Recommendations are submitted by the Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee for the upcoming three-year grant cycle.

[26-109](#)**Trial Court Budget | Fiscal Year 2026-27 Allocation of Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act Funding (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends allocating \$32.9 million to trial courts for fiscal year 2026-27 to support Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act operations. The amount included in the 2026 Budget Act may be adjusted based on final appropriations. The Judicial Branch Budget Committee approved this recommendation for consideration by the Judicial Council.

26-051: Judicial Council report pending and will be considered by the Executive and Planning Committee at a later date.

[26-051](#)**Trial Court Budget | Fiscal Year 2026-27 Allocation of Court-Appointed Juvenile Dependency Counsel Funding (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Judicial Council approves the allocation of court-appointed dependency counsel funding on an annual basis. The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 17, 2026, allocate \$186.7 million for fiscal year 2026-27 to the trial courts for court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel costs.

[26-039](#)**Trial Court Budget | State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund Allocations for Fiscal Year 2026-27 (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approving allocations for fiscal year (FY) 2026-27 from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund in the amount of \$47.8 million. With the proposed allocations, the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund is projected to end FY 2026-27 with a fund balance of \$38.7 million, of which approximately \$36.6 million will be unrestricted. The allocations will provide the necessary funding for specific programs and services for the trial courts.

DISCUSSION AGENDA[26-041](#)**Trial Court Budget | Allocations for Trial Court Operations for Fiscal Year 2026-27 (Action Required)****Summary:**

Government Code section 68502(c)(2)(A) requires the Judicial Council to make a preliminary allocation for the trial courts in July and finalize allocations in January of each fiscal year. In accordance with this statutory requirement, the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends the Judicial Council allocate \$3.2 billion to the trial courts for fiscal year 2026-27. This amount includes \$3.1 billion from the Trial Court Trust Fund and \$117.8 million from the General Fund. The committee also recommends approval of the Workload Formula policy calculation of \$2.7 billion based on existing Judicial Council-approved methodologies for fiscal year 2026-27.

Based on current revenue projections and estimated savings from fiscal year 2025-26 appropriations, the Trial Court Trust Fund is projected to end fiscal year 2026-27 with a fund 2 balance of \$335.5 million, of which approximately \$248 million will be unrestricted and available for future funding needs.

Speakers:

Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Chair, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
Ms. Rebecca Fleming, Vice-Chair, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Budget Services

10 minutes

[26-040](#)

Judicial Branch Budget | Fiscal Year 2027-28 Budget Change Proposals for Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, Superior Courts, Judicial Branch Facilities Program, and Judicial Council (Action Required)

Summary:

To balance responsible investment in core programs and services provided by the judicial branch, in the context of the state's multi-year projected deficit, the Judicial Branch Budget Committee recommends submitting 24 budget change proposals to Department of Finance for consideration in the fiscal year 2027-28 Governor's Budget.

Speakers:

Hon. Ann C. Moorman, Chair, Judicial Branch Budget Committee
Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Budget Services

15 minutes

[26-107](#)

Judicial Branch Technology | IT Modernization Funding, Fiscal Year 2026-27 (Action Required)

Summary:

The fiscal year (FY) 2026-27 judicial branch budget includes approximately \$12.5 million IT Modernization local court grant funding. The Technology Committee proposes the enclosed grant funding allocations following an application and review process in which projects were evaluated and--for the first time--ranked to inform the funding recommendations. This updated approach supports funding the most impactful projects that align with the judicial branch's technology goals and funding priorities.

Speakers:

Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Chair, Judicial Council Technology Committee
Mr. David Slayton, Vice-Chair, Judicial Council Technology Committee

20 minutes

[26-104](#)

Court Facilities | Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan and Capital-Outlay Budget Change Proposals for Fiscal Year 2027-28 (Action Required)

Summary:

The Court Facilities Advisory Committee recommends approval of the *Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan* and five capital-outlay budget change proposals for fiscal year (FY) 2027-28 for submission to the state Department of Finance. The five-year plan forms the basis for capital project funding requests for the upcoming and outlying fiscal years, and the budget change proposals reflect funding

requested for the phases of the projects in year 1 (FY 2027-28) of the plan.

Speakers:

Hon. Brad R. Hill, Chair, Court Facilities Advisory Committee

Hon. Eric J. Wersching, Vice-Chair, Court Facilities Advisory Committee

Mr. Jagan Singh, Facilities Services

Mr. Chris Magnusson, Facilities Services

15 minutes

INFORMATION AGENDA (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

[26-097](#)

Child Support | Midyear Funding Reallocation for Fiscal Year 2025-26

Summary:

This report presents the midyear reallocation of funding for the Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program (AB 1058 Program) for fiscal year 2025-26. The Judicial Council approved the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee's recommendation to delegate authority, effective January 17, 2020, to the Administrative Director to implement annual midyear reallocations of AB 1058 Program funds using the council-approved methodology for reallocation. This report describes the annual midyear reallocation for the current fiscal year.

[26-103](#)

Judicial Branch Technology | Technology Governance and Funding Model

Summary:

The Judicial Council Technology Committee is updating the Judicial Branch *Technology Governance and Funding Model*, which has remained unchanged since its adoption in 2014. This model provides the foundation for the branch's *Strategic Plan for Technology* and *Tactical Plan for Technology* and ensures a comprehensive, cohesive approach to branchwide technology strategy. Because technology has advanced significantly over the past decade and the needs of the courts, court users, and the judicial branch have evolved in parallel, updating the governance and funding model is essential to address these changes and position the branch for continued progress. The purpose of this report is to inform the council that while this work is underway, the existing *Strategic Plan for Technology* and *Tactical Plan for Technology* will remain in effect and will not be revised until an updated governance and funding model is approved by the Judicial Council.

[26-110](#)

Judicial Council Update | Trial Court Facility Modifications Report for Quarter 3 of Fiscal Year 2025-26

Summary:

This informational report to the Judicial Council outlines the allocations of facility modification funding made to improve trial court facilities in the third quarter (January through March) of fiscal year 2025-26. To determine allocations, the Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee reviews and approves facility modification requests from across the state in accordance with the council's *Trial Court Facility Modifications Policy*.

[26-108](#) **Report to the Legislature | Court Realignment Data (Calendar Year 2025)**

Summary: Penal Code section 13155 requires Judicial Council staff, commencing January 1, 2013, to collect information from trial courts regarding the implementation of the 2011 Criminal Justice Realignment legislation and make the data available annually to the California Department of Finance (DOF), Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), and Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) by September 1. This is the 14th annual court realignment data report. It will be distributed to the DOF, BSCC, and JLBC. The report, *Court Realignment Data (Calendar Year 2025)*, is included as Attachment A to this report.

[26-106](#) **Report to the Legislature | Electronic Recording Equipment**

Summary: Under Government Code section 69958, the Judicial Council is required to report to the Legislature semiannually on the purchase and lease of any electronic recording equipment that will be used to record superior court proceedings. For the reporting period of July 1 through December 31, 2025, two superior courts reported a combined total of \$26,251 for the purchase or lease of electronic recording equipment or related items. In May 2026, Judicial Council staff submitted the *Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by Superior Courts (July 1 through December 31, 2025)* to the Legislature.

[26-096](#) **Report to the Legislature | Review of the Statewide Uniform Child Support Guidelines 2025**

Summary: Under Family Code section 4054 and federal regulations (45 C.F.R. § 302.56), the Judicial Council must review the statewide uniform child support guideline every four years and submit its findings and recommendations. The 2025 review has been completed and transmitted as required. This report summarizes the key findings of that review, including how the guideline is applied and its impact on children and families across California.

[26-093](#) **Report to the Legislature | Trial Court Interpreters Program Expenditure Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25**

Summary: Judicial Council staff submitted the annual report on trial court interpreter expenditures to the Legislature and the Department of Finance. This report is required by the Budget Act of 2024 (Assembly Bill 107; Stats. 2024, ch. 22).

[26-042](#) **Trial Courts | Quarterly Investment Report for Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2025-26**

Summary: This quarterly investment report covers the period from January 1 through March 31, 2026, and provides the financial results for the funds invested by the Judicial Council on behalf of the trial courts as part of the judicial branch treasury program. The report is submitted under the Resolutions Regarding Investment Activities for the Trial Courts, approved by the Judicial Council on February 27, 2004.

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