



# JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET  
COMMITTEE

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## JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

January 5, 2021

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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**Advisory Body Members Present:** Hon. David. M. Rubin, Chair; Hon. Ann Moorman, Vice Chair; Hon. C. Todd Bottke; Hon. Carin T. Fujisaki, Hon. Brad R. Hill; Hon. Harold W. Hopp; Mr. Kevin Harrigan

**Advisory Body Members Absent:**

**Others Present:** Mr. John Wordlaw; Mr. Rob Oyung, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic; Ms. Fran Mueller; Hon. Jonathan Conklin, Ms. Rebecca Fleming, Ms. Laura Speed; Ms. Angela Cowan; Ms. Brandy Olivera; Ms. Leah Rose-Goodwin; Ms. Marcela Eggleton; Mr. Jake Chatters, and Ms. Kimberly Flener

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#### OPEN MEETING

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##### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. and took roll call.

##### **Approval of Minutes**

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of November 12, 2020, Judicial Branch Budget Committee meeting.

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#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-1)

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##### **Item 1 – COVID-19 Backlog Funding (Action Required)**

Consider recommendations as it relates to the \$50 million one-time COVID-19 backlog funding received in the 2020 Budget Act.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Various

**Action:** *The committee unanimously approved the following recommendations to be considered by the Judicial Council at its January 21-22, 2021 business meeting:*

1. COVID-19 backlog is defined as workload that was not disposed of during the pandemic period, March 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020.
2. The methodology of establishing COVID-19 backlog is the net difference between the average of each court's COVID-19 backlog from March 1, 2019 to August 31, 2019 weighted dispositions, compared to average March 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020 weighted dispositions, allocated proportionally based on each court's share of the backlog. The results for all courts have been applied to the available \$25 million in remaining funding and allocated proportionally as displayed in Attachment A.
3. In the event there were courts unable to enter the disposition data by case type for the time periods noted in recommendation B, proxies based on statewide averages were applied to those courts for each time period to establish those courts' COVID-19 backlog and proportional allocation of the remaining \$25 million.
4. Reporting on progress in reducing the COVID-19 related backlog will occur no less than quarterly and will continue to be reevaluated. A redistribution of the second \$25 million to take place in March 2021 in the event courts are unable to project the expenditure of their full allocation.
5. Request that Judicial Branch staff create and distribute a template to all 58 courts to report non-dispositional information on how courts have addressed COVID-19 related challenges.

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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 meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on March 9, 2021.