



JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

February 9, 2024

1:25 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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**Advisory Body
Members Present:**

Hon. Ann C. Moorman, Chair; Mr. David H. Yamasaki, Vice Chair; Hon. Carin T. Fujisaki; Hon. Brad R. Hill, Hon. Maria Lucy Armendariz; Hon. C. Todd Bottke; Hon. Charles S. Crompton

**Advisory Body
Members Absent:**

Ms. Rachel W. Hill

Others Present:

Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Mr. Adam Dorsey, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Angela Cowan, Ms. Rose Lane, Ms. Karene Alvarado, Ms. Shelly La Botte, Ms. Kelly Meehleib, and Ms. Vida Terry

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:26 p.m. and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The committee approved the minutes of the January 18, 2024 Judicial Branch Budget Committee (Budget Committee) meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-3)

Item 1: 2023–24 State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund (IMF) Allocation Increase for the Judicial Council Center for Judicial Education and Research (Action Required)

Consider a recommendation from the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) to increase the 2023–24 IMF allocation by \$150,000 to provide required education to new judges.

Action: The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the following TCBAC recommendation:

Increase the approved 2023-24 IMF allocation for the Judicial Education program allocation by \$150,000 to provide the Judicial Council's CJER with the resources necessary to ensure that newly appointed judicial officers can meet the education requirements for new judges as required by California Rule of Court 10.462.

Item 2: Access to Visitation Grant Program Funding Allocation for Federal Fiscal Years 2024–25 through 2026–27 (Action Required)

Consider a recommendation from the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee and TCBAC to

approve the Access to Visitation Grant Program funding allocation and distribution of \$655,000 statewide for 2024–25 through 2026–27.

Action: The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the following Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee and TCBAC recommendation:

- 1. Approve the funding allocation and distribution of \$655,000 to eight of the nine superior courts that submitted applications for the Access to Visitation Grant Program for FFY 2024–25 through FFY 2026–27; and*
- 2. Delegate authority to the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee to distribute and reallocate any excess grant funds to any of the eight applicant courts that were approved for funds based on need and justification within the scope of the grant program if any of the selected courts decline their grant award amount after Judicial Council allocation approval but before execution of a funding contract with the Judicial Council.*

Item 3: 2023–24 Allocations for Dependency Counsel Collections Program and Expected Unspent Program Funding (Action Required)

Consider a TCBAC recommendation on allocations for Court Appointed Counsel funding including the allocation of \$349,733 in Juvenile Dependency Counsel Collections Program funds collected in 2022–23, and the reallocation of \$970,111 in unspent trial court funding for court-appointed counsel in dependency cases for 2023–24.

Action: The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the following TCBAC recommendation for further consideration by the Judicial Council at its March 15, 2024 business meeting:

- 1. Allocate Juvenile Dependency Counsel Collections Program funds of \$349,733 remitted in 2022–23; and*
- 2. Allocate 2023–24 estimated unspent dependency counsel funding of \$970,111 from courts that have identified funds they do not intend to spend to courts that are not fully funded to their need.*

I. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

Info 1: Funds Held on Behalf (FHOB) of the Trial Courts Policy Updates (No Action Required)

Informational update from the TCBAC on policy revisions for the FHOB program.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Chair, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
Ms. Rose Lane, Senior Analyst, Judicial Council Budget Services

Action: No action taken

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on March 13, 2024.