



JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

March 13, 2024

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 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. Fran Mueller, Ms. Angela Cowan, Mr. Douglas Denton, and Ms. Oksana Tuk

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The committee approved the minutes of the February 9, 2024, Judicial Branch Budget Committee (Budget Committee) meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-3)

Item 1: California Court Interpreter Workforce Pilot Program (Action Required)

Consideration of the allocation methodology to implement the California Court Interpreters Workforce Pilot Program.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Chair, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
Mr. Douglas Denton, Principal Manager, Judicial Council Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Action: The Budget Committee voted to approve the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) recommendation on the allocation methodology for the \$6.8 million and implementation of the California Court Interpreter Workforce Pilot Program, for consideration by the Judicial Council at its May 17, 2024, business meeting.

Item 2: Trial Court Minimum Operating and Emergency Fund Balance Policy (Action Required)

Consideration of the continued suspension of the trial court Minimum Operating and Emergency Fund Balance Policy.

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

Action: The Budget Committee voted to approve the following TCBCAC recommendations to be considered by the Judicial Council at its May 17, 2024, business meeting:

- *Extend the suspension of the minimum operating and emergency fund balance policy for two fiscal years until June 30, 2026. This will provide additional time to determine the impact of the proposals included in the 2024–25 Governor’s Budget on trial court operations and emergency funding levels.*
- *Request the Funding Methodology Subcommittee consider if the minimum operating and emergency fund balance policy, which has been suspended since 2012–13, should be repealed at a future time based on enactment of the proposed changes to the state-level emergency reserve and fund balance cap included in the 2024–25 Governor’s Budget.*

Item 3: 2025–26 Judicial Branch Budget Change Concepts (Action Required)

Review of 2025–26 Budget Change Concepts for the judicial branch.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Hon. Ann C. Moorman, Chair, Judicial Branch Budget Committee

Action: No action taken.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

Info 1: Update on the 2024–25 Governor’s Budget

Informational update on the 2024–25 Governor’s Budget and state revenue projections.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Director, Judicial Council Budget Services

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on May 16, 2024.