



JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

May 16, 2024

12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Redwood Room, JCC SF 455 Golden Gate Ave. San Francisco, CA 94102

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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; and Ms. Rachel W. Hill

**Advisory Body
Members Absent:**

n/a

Others Present:

Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Fran Mueller, Ms. Sarah Rattanasamay, Ms. Heather Staton, Ms. Anna Maves, Mr. Don Will, Ms. Kelly Meehleib, Ms. Vida Terry, Ms. Deidre Benedict, Ms. Melanie Snider, Ms. Pella McCormick, Ms. Laura Speed, Mr. John Larson, and Mr. Eric Schnurpfeil

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The committee approved the minutes of the March 31, 2024, Judicial Branch Budget Committee (Budget Committee) meeting and minutes of the May 2, 2024, action by email between meetings.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1 - 10)

Item 1: Allocations from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund (IMF) for 2024–25 (Action Required)

Consideration of Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) recommendations on 2024–25 allocations from the IMF.

Action: The Budget Committee voted to approve the following TCBAC recommendation to be considered by the Judicial Council at its July 12, 2024, business meeting:

1. Approve a total of \$46.6 million in allocations for 2024–25 from the IMF.

Item 2: Allocations from the Trial Court Trust Fund (TCTF) for 2024–25 (Action Required)

Consideration of TCBAC recommendation on 2024–25 allocations from the TCTF.

Action: This item was removed from the agenda as it was impacted by a proposal in the 2024–25 May Revision and will be resubmitted for future consideration.

Item 3: AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program Allocations for 2024–25 (Action Required)

Consideration of TCBAC recommendations on the 2024–25 methodologies and allocations for the child support commissioner and family law facilitator programs.

Action: The Budget Committee voted to approve the following TCBAC recommendations to be considered by the Judicial Council at its July 12, 2024, business meeting:

- 1. Fiscal year 2024–25 AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner program funding comprised of \$35 million in base funding allocations and \$13 million in federal drawdown funding using the methodology adopted by the Judicial Council in January 2019 as set forth in Attachment A, effective July 12, 2024.*
- 2. Fiscal year 2024–25 AB 1058 Family Law Facilitator program funding comprised of \$11.9 million in base funding allocations and \$4.4 million in federal drawdown funding using the methodology adopted by the Judicial Council in July 2021 as set forth in Attachment B, effective July 12, 2024.*

Item 4: Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act Allocations for 2024–25 (Action Required)

Consideration of TCBAC recommendations on 2024–25 allocations for the CARE Act.

Action: This item was removed from the agenda as it was impacted by a proposal in the 2024–25 May Revision and will be resubmitted for future consideration.

Item 5: Model Self-Help Pilot Program—Technology Model Project Allocation Methodology (Action Required)

Consideration of TCBAC recommendations to revise the allocation methodology for Model Self-Help Pilot Program funding.

Action: The Budget Committee voted to approve the following TCBAC recommendations to be considered by the Judicial Council at its July 12, 2024, business meeting:

Revise the allocation methodology for the Model Self-Help Pilot Program—Technology Model Project to:

- 1. Require that proposed projects be limited to enabling courts to collaborate in providing self-help services remotely;*
- 2. Award three-year grants through a competitive solicitation process open to all courts and conducted every three years;*
- 3. Make one grant award for the project; and*
- 4. If a responsive proposal is not received in the fiscal year 2024–25 solicitation process, allocate funding through the methodology prescribed in Allocations and Reimbursements to Trial Courts: Model Self-Help Pilot Program Reallocation (Feb. 18, 2021).*

Item 6: Court-Appointed Dependency Counsel Allocations for 2024–25 (Action Required)

Consideration of a TCBCAC recommendation on the 2024–25 methodologies and allocations for Court-Appointed Dependency Counsel.

Action: The Budget Committee voted to approve the following TCBCAC recommendation to be considered by the Judicial Council at its July 12, 2024, business meeting:

- 1. FY 2024–25 Court-Appointed Dependency Counsel Allocations as outlined in Attachment A. Attachment B details the total funding need for court-appointed dependency counsel using the methodology designated in the Judicial Council reports listed.*

Item 7: Pretrial Release Program Allocations for 2024–25 (Action Required)

Consideration of a TCBCAC recommendation on the 2024–25 allocations and funding floor adjustment for the Pretrial Release Program.

Action: The Budget Committee voted to approve the following TCBCAC recommendation to be considered by the Judicial Council at its July 12, 2024, business meeting:

- 1. FY 2024–25 allocations for Pretrial Release funding, as outlined in Attachment A.*

Item 8: Court Report Allocations for 2024–25 (Action Required)

Consideration of a TCBCAC recommendation on the 2024–25 allocations for \$30 million to increase the number of court reporters in family law and civil case types.

Action: This item was removed from the agenda as it was impacted by a proposal in the 2024–25 May Revision and will be resubmitted for future consideration.

Item 9: Self-Help Program Allocations for 2024–25 through 2026–27 (Action Required)

Consideration of a TCBCAC recommendation on the 2024–25 through 2026–27 allocations for the Self-Help Program.

Action: The Budget Committee voted to approve the following TCBCAC recommendation to be considered by the Judicial Council at its July 12, 2024, business meeting:

- 1. Self-Help Program funding for the fiscal year 2024–25 allocation and ongoing as set forth in the chart in the report.*

Item 10: 2025–26 Judicial Branch Budget Change Concepts (Action Required)

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

Action: The Budget Committee voted to recommend to the Judicial Council at its July 12, 2024, business meeting, the following budget change proposal concepts be developed into budget change proposals (BCPs) for submission to the State Department of Finance in September 2024:

1. 25-01 – *Inflationary Adjustment for Trial Courts (Consumer Price Index)*
2. 25-02 – *Trial Court Equity Funding to Statewide Average*
3. 25-07 – *San Diego Hall of Justice – Facility Modification*
4. 25-08 – *Facilities Program Support*
5. 25-13 – *Trial Court Physical Security Assessment and Evaluation*
6. 25-18 – *Capital Outlay Funding: 2025–26 through 2029–30*
7. 25-20 – *Courts of Appeal Court-Appointed Counsel Program – approved to be combined with concept 25-22 into one BCP*
8. 25-22 – *Supreme Court Capital Court-Appointed Counsel Program – approved to be combined with concept 25-20 into one BCP*
9. 25-23 – *Litigation Management Program*

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

Info 1: 2024–25 May Revision Budget Update

Update on the 2024–25 May Revision to the Governor’s Budget.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on June 4, 2024.