



JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

June 4, 2024

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 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. Maria Lucy Armendariz; Hon. Charles S. Crompton; and Ms. Rachel W. Hill

**Advisory Body
Members Absent:**

Hon. Brad R. Hill and Hon. C. Todd Bottke

Others Present:

Ms. Shelly Curran, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Fran Mueller, Mr. Chad Finke, Ms. Angela Cowan, Ms. Donna Newman, Ms. Sarah Rattanasamay, and Ms. Keng Saefong

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m. and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The committee approved the minutes of the May 16, 2024, Judicial Branch Budget Committee (Budget Committee) meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-3)

Item 1: Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act Allocations for 2024–25 (Action Required)

Consideration of Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommendations for 2024–25 allocations for the CARE Act.

Action: The Budget Committee voted to approve the following Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) recommendations for consideration by the Judicial Council at its July 12, 2024, business meeting:

1. Continue all elements of the allocation methodology approved in fiscal year 2023–24, including employing the Workload Formula and the funding base already defined;
2. Approve, for Cohort One courts and Los Angeles, an allocation based on the amount required for a full year of CARE Act implementation; and
3. Approve, for Cohort Two courts, an allocation prorated to the amount required for a full year of CARE Act implementation.

Item 2: Court Report Allocations for 2024–25 (Action Required)

Consideration of TCBAC recommendations for 2024–25 allocations to increase the number of court reporters in family law and civil case types.

Action: The Budget Committee voted to approve the following TCBAC recommendations with clarified language for recommendation 2, for consideration by the Judicial Council at its July 12, 2024, business meeting:

- 1. Allocate the \$20 million to the trial courts on a proportional basis using the council-approved methodology with updated assessed judicial need data based on the 2022 Judicial Needs Assessment as outlined in Attachment A.*
- 2. Direct Judicial Council staff to survey the courts after allocations are distributed to the trial courts as soon as practical, but no later than mid-year of fiscal year 2024–25, for a one-time redistribution of unspent funds to ensure the full appropriation is maximized to increase the number of court reporters in family law and civil cases.*

Item 3: Allocations from the Trial Court Trust Fund (TCTF) for 2024–25 (Action Required)

Consideration of TCBAC recommendations for 2024–25 allocations from the TCTF.

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

- 1. Consumer Price Index funding included in the budget to address inflationary costs for the trial courts is not considered “new money” for the purpose of allocating funding via the Workload Formula and, therefore, revise the definition of “new money” in the policy to exclude Consumer Price Index funding.*
- 2. Base, discretionary, and nondiscretionary program allocations from the TCTF and General Fund in the amount of \$3 billion (Attachment 3B, column AC), including:*
 - TCTF allocation of \$50 million for support for operation of the trial courts (Attachment 3B, column B); and*
 - General Fund allocation of \$68.8 million for employee benefits (Attachment 3B, column T).*
- 3. As a subset of the \$3 billion total allocation, a Workload Formula allocation of \$2.5 billion based on methodologies approved by the Judicial Council (Attachment 3C, column X).*

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 advisory body on July 11, 2024.