



JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

12:00 - 1:00 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; Ms. Kate Bieker

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. Maria D. Hernandez

Others Present: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Mr. Don Will, Ms. Fran Mueller, Mr. Douglas Denton, Ms. Angela Cowan, Mr. Chris Belloli, Ms. Rose Lane, Ms. Oksana Tuk

OPEN MEETING

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 approved the minutes of the October 11, 2024, Judicial Branch Budget Committee (Budget Committee) meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1–3)

Item 1: 2024–25 Trial Court Trust Fund Allocation Increase for Judicial Council Audit Services and Budget Services Offices (Action Required)

Consideration of an increased Trial Court Trust Fund allocation of \$1.5 million for the Judicial Council's Audit Services and Budget Services offices for 2024–25.

Action: *The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve increasing the approved fiscal year 2024–25 Trial Court Trust Fund (TCTF) allocation for the Judicial Council's Audit Services and Budget Services offices by \$1.5 million for consideration by the Judicial Council at its February 21, 2025, business meeting:*

1. *An additional \$1.3 million for the Audit Services office to reflect the resources included in the Budget Act of 2024 to ensure that the appropriate number of trial courts will be audited by the State Controller's Office; and*

2. An additional \$150,000 for the Budget Services office to fund the actual costs of budget workload for the collections program that are supported by the TCTF.

Item 2: Trial Court Trust Fund Court Interpreters Program Funding

Consideration of court interpreter allocations and expenditures for 2023–24 and 2024–25.

Action: The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the following recommendations for consideration by the Judicial Council at its February 21, 2025, business meeting.

1. Address the \$4.6 million shortfall in fiscal year 2023–24 by allocating this amount from the \$35 million Court Interpreters Program (CIP) fund balance from the TCTF in fiscal year 2024–25 to courts that exceeded their allocation as outlined in Attachment A;
2. Approve the remaining CIP fund balance from the TCTF to be allocated to courts mid-year to address any CIP shortfalls for fiscal years 2024–25 and 2025–26, based on available program savings;
3. Direct Judicial Council staff to continue to monitor CIP funding and program expenditures, provide regular updates to the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee to report any changes, and work with the trial courts to develop a funding request for additional CIP resources beginning in fiscal year 2026–27.

Recommendation four was removed from consideration.

Item 3: 2025 Draft Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee Annual Agenda

Consideration of the draft Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee annual agenda for 2025.

Action: The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee’s annual agenda for 2025.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (ITEMS 1 – 2)

Item 1: Court Reporter Funding Mid-Year Survey for 2024–25

Informational update on the mid-year survey for one-time redistribution of unspent court reporter funding for 2024–25.

Action: No action taken.

Item 2: Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act Updates

Informational update on the mid-year survey for one-time redistribution of unspent CARE Act funding for 2024–25 and potential allocation adjustments.

Action: No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:42p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on January 29, 2025.