

JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

Wednesday, January 29, 2025 4:00 - 4:40 p.m.

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Advisory Body Hon. Ann C. Moorman, Chair; Mr. David H. Yamasaki, Vice Chair; Hon. Carin T.

Members Present: Fujisaki; Hon. Brad R. Hill; Hon. Maria Lucy Armendariz; Hon. C. Todd Bottke; Hon. Charles S. Crompton; Hon. Maria D. Hernandez; Ms. Kate Bieker

Others Present: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Fran Mueller, Ms.

Angela Cowan, Mr. Chris Belloli, and Ms. Oksana Tuk

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body approved the minutes of the December 10, 2024, Judicial Branch Budget Committee (Budget Committee) meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-2)

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

Consideration of mid-year reallocation of court reporter funding for fiscal year 2024–25.

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

- 1. Reallocate \$820,000 of projected unspent court reporter funding in FY 2024–25 to courts based on the total amount of funding available as a proportion of the total amount of funding being requested, including any technical adjustments to account for the final amount available prior to distribution; and
- 2. Delegate authority to Judicial Council staff to reallocate unspent funding to trial courts who have identified additional unmet need in late spring 2025, in efforts to maximize use of the full allocation.

Item 2: Allocation for Partial Restoration of Trial Court Operations Funding for Fiscal Year 2024–25 Consideration of an allocation for a partial restoration of the \$97 million reduction for trial court operations for fiscal year 2024–25.

Action: The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the second option to allocate the \$42 million partial restoration of the initial \$97 million trial court operations reduction in fiscal year 2024–25, which uses the same Judicial Council-approved methodology to allocate the revised \$55 million reduction as was applied for the initial \$97 million reduction as displayed in Attachment 2A. This recommendation will be considered by the Judicial Council at its February 21, 2025, business meeting.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (ITEMS 1)

Item 1: Governor's Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2025-26

Update on the Governor's Budget proposal for fiscal year 2025–26

Action: No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on March 14, 2025.