



Judicial Council of California
Judicial Branch Budget Committee

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JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

Friday, March 14, 2025

1:55 - 3:00 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. Maria Lucy Armendariz; Hon. Charles S. Crompton; and Ms. Kate Bieker

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. Brad R. Hill; Hon. C. Todd Bottke; and Hon. Maria D. Hernandez

Others Present: Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Fran Mueller, Ms. Angela Cowan, Mr. Chad Finke, Mr. Douglas Denton, Mr. Don Will, Ms. Maria Lira, and Mr. Don Lowrie

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:59 p.m. and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the January 29, 2025, and February 20, 2025, Judicial Branch Budget Committee meetings.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1–3)

Item 1: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Trial Court Trust Fund Court Interpreters Program Mid-Year Reallocation (Action Required)

Consideration of mid-year reallocation of Trial Court Trust Fund Court Interpreters Program unspent funding for FY 2024–25

Action: *The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the following Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommendations for consideration by the Judicial Council at its April 25, 2025, business meeting:*

1. Approve the FY 2024-25 mid-year reallocation of \$637,000 and augmentation of \$11.6 million from the remaining \$30.4 million program savings, as outlined in Attachment A;
2. Direct council staff to conduct an additional survey prior to the end of FY 2024–25 to reallocate available savings to those courts with a funding shortfall based on final expenditures for the current year; and

3. *Direct council staff to repeat the mid-year survey and reallocation process in FY 2025–26 and determine if the trial courts need additional funding from the remaining program savings balance of \$18.8 million to support court interpreter services.*

Item 2: FY 2024–25 Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act Mid-Year Reallocation (Action Required)

Consideration of mid-year reallocation of CARE Act unspent funding for FY 2024–25

Action: *The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the following Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommendation:*

Reallocate \$400,000 of unspent CARE Act funding in FY 2024–25 to two trial courts as outlined in Attachment A. The final reallocation will include necessary technical adjustments. This recommendation will be considered by the Judicial Council at its April 25, 2025, business meeting

Item 3: Statutory Changes for Court-Ordered Debt Collections and Reporting (Action Required)

Consideration of technical amendments to statutes governing collection and reporting of court-ordered debt to improve compliance with reporting requirements.

Action: *The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the following recommendations to the Legislation Committee for public comment circulation and to be introduced as sponsored legislation by the Judicial Council in 2026. The amendments are expected to be approved in the 2026 legislative process and take effect January 1, 2027.*

1. *Approve the proposed amendments to Government Code section 68514 and Penal Code section 1463.007 as outlined in Attachments B and C. The approved amendments will be applied to the Collections Reporting Template in the fiscal year 2026–27 reporting period and will be reflected in the annual report to the Legislature and the Department of Finance by December 31, 2027.*
2. *Delegate authority to Judicial Council staff to make technical changes to the Collections Reporting Template and other corresponding documents in response to any approved amendments to statute.*

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on April 24, 2025.