



Judicial Council of California
Judicial Branch Budget Committee

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JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

Thursday, April 24, 2025

1:15 - 2:45 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. Maria D. Hernandez; and Ms. Kate Bieker

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. Charles S. Crompton

Others Present: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Fran Mueller, Ms. Angela Cowan, Mr. Tamer Ahmed, Mr. Don Will, Ms. Leah Rose-Goodwin, Ms. Kelly Ragsdale, Ms. Oksana Tuk, and Mr. Luis Castillo

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m. and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body approved the minutes of the March 14, 2025, Judicial Branch Budget Committee (Budget Committee) meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1–4)

Item 1: Allocations from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund (IMF) for FY 2025–26 (Action Required)

Consideration of allocations from the IMF in support of the trial courts for FY 2025–26.

Action: *The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the following Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommendations for consideration by the Judicial Council at its business meeting on July 18, 2025:*

1. *Approve a total of \$47.9 million in allocations for FY 2025–26 from the IMF to fund specific programs and services for the trial courts.*
2. *Approve the delegation of authority to the Administrative Director to authorize baseline technical adjustments, up to a maximum of 10 percent of specific allocations, to allow for the efficient implementation of required budgetary adjustments.*

Item 2: Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act Allocations for FY 2025–26 (Action Required)

Consideration of CARE Act allocations to the trial courts for FY 2025–26.

Action: *The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommendation for CARE Act allocations to the trial courts for FY 2025–26, as outlined in Attachment 2A, including any technical adjustments and contingent on funding included in the enacted budget for FY 2025–26. This recommendation will be considered by the Judicial Council at its business meeting on July 18, 2025.*

Item 3: Allocation Methodologies for Potential Future Funding Reductions and Restoration (Action Required)

Consideration of allocation methodologies for potential reductions and restoration of funding for the trial courts in future budget years.

Action: *The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the following Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommendations for consideration by the Judicial Council at its business meeting on July 18, 2025:*

1. *Approve the reverse Workload Formula equity reduction allocation without reduction limitation calculated on each court's Workload Formula allocation for any potential future funding reduction. The steps are outlined on page 3 and utilize a 4 percent band around the statewide average funding level as displayed in Attachment 6A.*
2. *Approve an allocation methodology for a restoration of funding that occurs in the same fiscal year the reduction took place based on a recalculation of the reduction using the initial methodology with restored funding as displayed in Attachment 6B.*
3. *Approve an allocation methodology for a restoration of funding in a future fiscal year that follows a reduction in a prior fiscal year based on the existing Judicial Council–approved Workload Formula methodology calculated on the Workload Formula need amount as displayed in Attachment 6C.*

Item 4: Additional Judicial Branch Budget Change Concepts for FY 2026–27 (Action Required)

Review of additional FY 2026–27 budget change concepts for the judicial branch.

Action: *No action taken.*

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on May 16, 2025.