



Judicial Council of California
Judicial Branch Budget Committee

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JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

Friday, May 16, 2025

1:00 - 4:00 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. Charles S. Crompton; Hon. Maria Lucy Armendariz; Hon. Maria D. Hernandez; and Ms. Kate Bieker

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. Brad R. Hill and Hon. C. Todd Bottke

Others Present: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Laura Speed, Mr. Tamer Ahmed, Mr. Don Will, Mr. Andrae Randolph, Mr. Eric Schnurpfeil, Ms. Fran Mueller, Ms. Anna Maves, Mr. John Larson, Ms. Leah Rose-Goodwin, Ms. Angela Cowan, Ms. Kristin Greenaway, Ms. Kelly Meehleib, Ms. Deirdre Benedict, Ms. Oksana Tuk, and Mr. Marshall Comia,

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body approved the minutes of the April 24, 2025, Judicial Branch Budget Committee (Budget Committee) meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1–5)

Item 1: AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner & Family Law Facilitator Program Funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025–26 (Action Required)

Consideration of FY 2025–26 allocations for the Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator programs.

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

1. *Approve the FY 2025–26 AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner Program funding comprised of \$35 million in base funding allocations and \$13 million in anticipated federal drawdown funding using the methodology adopted by the Judicial Council in January 2019 as set forth in Attachment*

1A, including any technical adjustments and contingent on funding included in the enacted budget for FY 2025–26.

2. Approve the FY 2025–26 Assembly Bill 1058 Family Law Facilitator Program funding comprised of \$11.9 million in base funding allocations and \$4.4 million in anticipated federal drawdown funding using the methodology adopted by the Judicial Council in July 2021 as set forth in Attachment 1B, including any technical adjustments and contingent on funding included in the enacted budget for FY 2025–26.

Item 2: Allocation of Court-Appointed Juvenile Dependency Counsel Funding for FY 2025–26 (Action Required)

Consideration of FY 2025–26 allocations for court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel.

Action: The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the TCBAC recommendation for the FY 2025–26 court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel allocations as outlined in Attachment 2A, including any technical adjustments and contingent on funding included in the enacted budget for FY 2025–26 for consideration by the Judicial Council at its business meeting on July 18, 2025.

Item 3: Pretrial Release Program Allocations for FY 2025–26 (Action Required)

Consideration of FY 2025–26 allocations and funding floor adjustment for the Pretrial Release Program.

Action: Due to the proposed reduction in funding for the Pretrial Release Program included in the May Revision to the FY 2025–26 Governor’s Budget, this item was withdrawn from the agenda and will be deferred to TCBAC for further consideration.

Item 4: Court Reporter Allocations for FY 2025–26 (Action Required)

Consideration of FY 2025–26 allocations to increase the number of court reporters in family law and civil case types.

Action: The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the TCBAC recommendation for the FY 2025–26 allocation of \$30 million for court reporters 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 4A, including any technical adjustments and contingent on funding included in the enacted budget for FY 2025–26, for consideration by the Judicial Council at its business meeting on July 18, 2025.

Item 5: FY 2026–27 Judicial Branch Budget Change Concepts (Action Required)

Review of FY 2026–27 Budget Change Concepts for the judicial branch.

Action: *The Budget Committee unanimously voted to recommend to the Judicial Council at its July 18, 2025, business meeting, the following budget change proposal concepts be developed into budget change proposals for submission to the State Department of Finance for consideration in the FY 2026–27 Governor’s Budget:*

1. 26-01 – Inflationary Adjustment for Trial Courts (Consumer Price Index)
2. 26-02 – Trial Court Equity Funding to Statewide Average
3. 26-04 – Language Access Expansion in the California Courts – approved with revised title
4. 26-05 – Litigation Management Program
5. 26-07 – Supreme Court Capital Court-Appointed Counsel Program – approved to be combined with concept 26-08 into one budget change proposal
6. 26-08 – Courts of Appeal Court-Appointed Counsel Program – approved to be combined with concept 26-07 into one budget change proposal
7. 26-09 – Appellate Court Unarmed Security Guard – Expanded Coverage – approved to be combined with concept 26-12 into one budget change proposal
8. 26-11 – Racial Justice Act Retroactivity (AB 256) for the Appellate Courts and Trial Courts
9. 26-12 – Seven Highway Patrol Judicial Protection Section Officers– approved to be combined with concept 26-09 into one budget change proposal
10. 26-14 – Increase Appellate Court Staffing – approved with revised title
11. 26-15 – Capital Outlay Funding: FY 2026–27 through FY 2030–31
12. 26-16 – Facilities Program Support – approved \$9 million in one-time funding (\$4.5 million over two fiscal years) to conduct a comprehensive assessment of trial court capital outlay projects
13. 26-17 – Orange Central Justice Center – Facility Modification
14. 26-18 – Trial Court Facility Modifications – approved to be combined with Courts of Appeal facility modification portion of concept 26-25 into one budget change proposal
15. 26-19 – Trial Court Facilities Maintenance and Utilities – approved to be combined with Courts of Appeal facilities maintenance portion of concept 26-25 into one budget change proposal
16. 26-20 – Water Conservation and Leak Detection Measures in Courthouses – approved the leak detection software and equipment portion to be combined with concept 26-18 into one budget change proposal
17. 26-24 – Trial Court Physical Security Assessment and Evaluation
18. 26-25 – Courts of Appeal Deferred Maintenance, Facility Modification, and Maintenance – approved the 1) facility modification portion to be combined with concept 26-18 into one budget change proposal and 2) facility maintenance portion to be combined with 26-19 into one budget change proposal. The deferred maintenance portion is not approved.
19. 26-31 – Los Angeles Spring Street Courthouse – Courtrooms Relocation

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

Info 1: 2025–26 May Revision Budget Update

Update on the FY 2025–26 May Revision to the Governor’s Budget.

Info 2: Update of Resource Assessment Study Model and Workload Formula

Update of the Resource Assessment Study model approved by the Judicial Council at its April 2025 meeting and formula inputs to the Workload Formula.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on May 30, 2025.