



Judicial Council of California
Judicial Branch Budget Committee

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JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

Friday, May 30, 2025

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

<https://jcc.granicus.com/player/event/4397>

Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Ann C. Moorman, Chair; Mr. David H. Yamasaki, Vice Chair; Hon. C. Todd Bottke; Hon. Carin T. Fujisaki; Hon. Maria Lucy Armendariz; Hon. Maria D. Hernandez; and Ms. Kate Bieker

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. Brad R. Hill and Hon. Charles S. Crompton

Others Present: Ms. Rebecca Fleming, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Fran Mueller, Ms. Angela Cowan, and Ms. Oksana Tuk

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body approved the minutes of the May 16, 2025, Judicial Branch Budget Committee meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEM (ITEM 1)

Item 1: Trial Court Allocations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025–26 (Action Required)

Consideration of FY 2025–26 allocations from the Trial Court Trust Fund and General Fund to support trial court operations.

Action: The Judicial Branch 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 standard annual updates to the Workload Formula model including updated filings, salary, benefits, operating expenditures and equipment, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and court executive officer salary data and continue to use the existing 2017 caseweights in the Workload Formula calculations for FY 2025–26 as described in Option 1 in the Workload Formula Options for FY 2025–26 section. This option results in a statewide funding percentage of 85.9 percent (see Attachments D and G for details).

2. *Approve the deferral of the updated 2024 caseweights in the Workload Formula calculations to FY 2026–27 to allow time for evaluation of the changes in the weights and their impact on funding allocations to the trial courts.*
3. *Approve base, discretionary, and nondiscretionary program allocations from the Trial Court Trust Fund and General Fund in the amount of \$3.1 billion (Attachment B, column AG), including any needed technical adjustments and contingent on funding included in the enacted budget for FY 2025–26:*
 - *General Fund allocation of \$68.8 million for employee benefits (Attachment B, column X).*
 - *As a subset of the \$3.1 billion total allocation, approve a Workload Formula allocation of \$2.6 billion based on methodologies approved by the Judicial Council (Attachment D, column Y).*
4. *Approve the delegation of authority to the Administrative Director of the Judicial Council to authorize baseline technical adjustments for Trial Court Trust Fund allocations, up to a maximum of 10 percent of specific allocations, to allow for the efficient implementation of required budgetary adjustments.*

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on July 17, 2025.