



Judicial Council of California  
Judicial Branch Budget Committee

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JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

Monday, August 18, 2025

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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**Advisory Body Members Present:** Hon. Ann C. Moorman, Chair; Hon. Carin T. Fujisaki; Hon. Brad R. Hill; Hon. Maria Lucy Armendariz; Hon. C. Todd Bottke; and Hon. Charles S. Crompton

**Advisory Body Members Absent:** Mr. David H. Yamasaki, Vice Chair; Hon. Maria D. Hernandez; and Ms. Kate Bieker

**Others Present:** Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Ms. Francine Byrne, Ms. Audrey Fancy, Ms. Angela Cowan, Ms. Kelly Meehleib, and Ms. Deirdre Benedict

OPEN MEETING

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. and took roll call.

**Approval of Minutes**

The advisory body approved the minutes of the July 17, 2025, Judicial Branch Budget Committee (Budget Committee) meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-3)

**Item 1: Court-Appointed Juvenile Dependency Counsel Allocations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025–26 (Action Required)**

Consideration of allocation methodologies for court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel 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 via circulating order:*

1. *Approve the allocation of funding according to the existing court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel funding methodology approved by the Judicial Council. Proposed allocations are detailed in Attachment 1A.*
2. *Allocate FY 2025–26 funds identified by courts through a spending plan survey of all courts, conducted to determine whether any courts do not intend to spend their full allocation (as detailed in Attachment 1A, column L) and to make those funds available to assist small courts in adjusting to the reductions they face in this fiscal year. Concurrent to base allocations, allocate available*

*funds to impacted small courts that require assistance, up to their proposed allocation approved by the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee on May 7, 2025, with any remaining funds to be allocated to all eligible courts through the regular midyear reallocation process. Proposed allocations based on the spending plan survey results are detailed in Attachment A, column M.*

3. *Revisit the court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel funding methodology in FY 2025–26 in its entirety with an emphasis on trial court adjustments.*

**Item 2: Pretrial Release Program Allocations for FY 2025–26 (Action Required)**

Consideration of allocations and funding floor adjustment for the Pretrial Release Program 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 via circulating order:*

1. *Approve the FY 2025–26 allocations, including funding floor allocations, for the Pretrial Release Program in accordance with the budget bill language, by distributing the funding based on each county’s relative proportion of 18–24-year-olds. See attachment 2A for individual allocations.*
2. *Direct Judicial Council staff to conduct a mid-year survey of expenditures and spending plans in November 2025 to determine which jurisdictions anticipate having unspent funding and which jurisdictions anticipate a demonstrated need for additional funding and recommend a methodology for reallocating funding between the trial courts based on demonstrated need.*

**Item 3: Proposition 36 Allocations for FY 2025–26 (Action Required)**

Consideration of allocation methodologies for Proposition 36 implementation for FY 2025–26.

**Action:** *The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommendation for the FY 2025–26 allocations for the implementation of Proposition 36 in accordance with Allocation Methodology 1, where fifty percent of the funding is allocated based on each trial court’s non-traffic misdemeanor and felony filings and fifty percent of the funding is allocated based on each trial court’s Proposition 36 survey data. See attachment 3D for individual allocations. The recommendation will be considered by the Judicial Council via circulating order.*

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on September 4, 2025.