



## JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

Thursday, November 13, 2025

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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**Advisory Body Members Present:** Hon. Ann C. Moorman, Chair; Hon. Maria Lucy Armendariz; Hon. Charles S. Crompton; Hon. Michael Rhoads; Mr. Charles Johnson; Mr. Darrel E. Parker; and Ms. Rachel Hill

**Advisory Body Members Absent:** Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Vice-Chair and Hon. Brad R. Hill

**Others Present:** Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Fran Mueller, Ms. Sarah Rattanasamay, Ms. Oksana Tuk, Ms. Maria Lira, Mr. Marshall Comia

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#### OPEN MEETING

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##### Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and took roll call.

##### Approval of Minutes

The advisory body approved the minutes of the September 4, 2025, Judicial Branch Budget Committee meeting.

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#### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-3)

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##### Item 1: Increased Transcript Rate Allocations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025–26 (Action Required)

Consideration of allocations for FY 2025–26 increased transcript rates.

**Action:** *The Judicial Branch Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the allocation of the \$7 million to each trial court proportionally using the Judicial Council–approved methodology for FY 2025–26, based on an average of the prior three-year transcript expenditures, as outlined in Attachment A.*

*The recommendation will be considered by the Judicial Council at its December 12, 2025, business meeting.*

##### Item 2: Final Adjustments for Year-End Fund Balances for FY 2024–25 (Action Required)

Consideration of final one-time adjustments for FY 2024–25 year-end fund balances for the trial courts.

**Action:** The Judicial Branch Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the final FY 2024–25 year-end fund balance reduction of \$2.9 million, which reflects a total reduction of \$20.6 million above the fund balance cap offset by \$17.7 million in applicable Funds Held on Behalf requests. The \$2.9 million reduction will be allocated to the trial courts in January 2026.

*This recommendation will be considered by the Judicial Council at its December 12, 2025, business meeting.*

**Item 3: Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee Annual Agenda for 2026 (Action Required)**

Consideration of the proposed Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee annual agenda for 2026.

**Action:** The Judicial Branch Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee’s annual agenda for 2026.

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**INFORMATION ONLY ITEM (NO ACTION REQUIRED)**

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**Info 1: Funding Methodology Subcommittee Work Plan Update for FY 2025–26**

Update on the Funding Methodology Subcommittee annual work plan for FY 2025–26.

**Action:** No action taken.

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**A D J O U R N M E N T**

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on February 19, 2026