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Judicial Council of California
Judicial Branch Budget Committee

# 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 |

### OPEN MEETING

**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.

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

**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.*

## INFORMATION ONLY ITEM (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

**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.*

## ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by the advisory body on February 19, 2026