



Judicial Council of California

**JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING**

September 22, 2026

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Videoconference

Members Present: Hon. Ann C. Moorman, Chair, Hon. Brad R. Hill, Hon. Maria Lucy Armendariz, Hon. Judith K. Dulcich, Hon. Michael Rhoads, Mr. Charles Johnson, Ms. Kate Bieker, and Ms. Dena Stone

Members Absent: Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Vice-Chair

Others Present: Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Fran Mueller, Ms. Angela Cowan, Ms. Jenny Clarke, Mr. Steven Quinn, and Ms. Oksana Tuk

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body approved the minutes of the May 20, 2026, Judicial Branch Budget Committee (Budget Committee) meeting, and the June 10, 2026, and August 6, 2026, actions by e-mail between meetings.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1–3)

Item 1

Involuntary Medication Orders (Senate Bill 820) Allocations for Fiscal Year 2026–27 (Action Required)

Consideration of allocations to implement the new hearing process for involuntary medication orders established by Senate Bill 820 for fiscal year 2026–27.

Action: *The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the fiscal year 2026-27 allocations to implement Senate Bill 820, as outlined in Attachment 1A, based on 60 percent incompetent to stand trial filings and 40 percent nontraffic misdemeanor filings and a \$1,200 funding floor. This recommendation will be considered by the Judicial Council at its business meeting on October 16, 2026.*

Item 2

Workload Formula Adjustment Request Process Update (Action Required)

Consideration of updates to Judicial Council instructions for submitting annual Workload Formula policy adjustment requests.

Action: *The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the proposed updates to the Workload Formula Adjustment Request Process Instructions as shown in Attachment 2A. This recommendation will be considered by the Judicial Council at its business meeting on October 16, 2026.*

Item 3

Workload Formula Policy Base Funding Floor Adjustment Process (Action Required)

Consideration of potential changes to the Workload Formula base funding floor policy.

Action: *The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve an update to the Workload Formula policy's base funding floor adjustment so that, when calculating annual allocations for the two funding floor courts, the base funding floor amount is treated as a minimum floor. Under this methodology, when a floor court's Workload Formula allocation exceeds the floor, the court will retain its full calculated allocation rather than be reduced to the floor. This change provides greater funding stability and ensures the floor courts have sufficient resources to meet essential operational needs and maintain minimum staffing levels. This recommendation will be considered by the Judicial Council at its business meeting on October 16, 2026.*

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Approved by the advisory body on October 14, 2026.