



JUDICIAL COUNCIL TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

February 10, 2025
12:00 p.m.
Videoconference

Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Kyle S. Brodie, Chair; Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Vice-Chair; Hon. C. Todd Bottke; Hon. Carol A. Corrigan; Mr. Charles Johnson; Hon. Ricardo R. Ocampo; Mr. Darrel E. Parker

Advisory Body Members Absent: Ms. Rachel W. Hill; Mr. Craig M. Peters

Others Present: Hon. Sheila F. Hanson; Mr. John Yee; and Judicial Council staff

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the January 27, 2025, Judicial Council Technology Committee meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1–4)

Item 1

Judicial Branch Technology: Rules for Adoption of Technology and Data Security Guidelines (Action Required)

Hon. Tara M. Desautels, Chair, Joint Information Security Governance Subcommittee and Ms. Jenny Grantz, Attorney, Legal Services, Judicial Council, presented a recommendation to 1) revise California Rules of Court, rule 10.172 and 2) adopt rule 10.405 related to guidelines for technology and data security for the courts.

Action: The committee voted to approve the recommendation to the Judicial Council to 1) revise California Rules of Court, rule 10.172 and 2) adopt rule 10.405 related to guidelines for technology and data security for the courts.

Item 2

Tactical Plan for Technology 2025–2026 (Action Required)

Hon. Sheila F. Hanson, Chair, Information Technology Advisory Committee, and Mr. Brian Cotta, Clerk/Executive Officer, Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District presented the final draft

of the *Tactical Plan for Technology 2025–2026*, which includes changes made based on public comments received, along with a recommendation for adoption by the Judicial Council.

Action: The committee voted to approve the recommendation to the Judicial Council to adopt the *Tactical Plan for Technology 2025–2026*.

Item 3

Budget Change Proposal Concepts submitted by Judicial Council Information Technology (JCIT) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026–27 (Action Required)

Mr. John Yee, Chief Information Officer, Judicial Council, presented technology-related Budget Change Proposal concepts from Judicial Council Information Technology for approval and prioritization for submission to the Judicial Branch Budget Committee for FY 2026–27.

Action: The committee voted to approve and prioritize the following technology-related Budget Change Proposal concepts for submission to the Judicial Branch Budget Committee for FY 2026–27: (1) Court Technology Remote Proceedings Program, (2) Appellate Court Information Technology Services and Operations, (3) Modern Digital Courts Systems Quality and Ongoing Support Services, and (4) Core Application Modernization and Sustained Operational Maintenance.

Item 4

Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) 2025 Annual Agenda (Action Required)

Hon. Sheila F. Hanson presented ITAC’s 2025 Annual Agenda to the committee for its approval.

Action: The committee voted to approve ITAC’s 2025 Annual Agenda.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved by the advisory body on enter date.

Item 1: IT Modernization Program: FY 2024–25 Remaining Funds

IT Modernization Program: FY 2024-25 Budget

Funding Remaining			
Program/Project	Description	Approved Budget	Remaining Budget
Branchwide Funding: Adobe Licensing & Forms Development	Cost savings: Renewed existing Adobe contract instead of pursuing Request for Proposal for a forms vendor.	\$ 700,000	\$ 200,000
Branchwide Funding: Phoenix SAP Financials System	Cost savings: The program used its savings to pay for the annual hosting cost.	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Local Court Projects Funding	\$1m restored following State Budget update.		\$ 1,000,000
Local Court Projects Funding	Unused from courts that received grants for the same projects through other programs, such as Language Access Services or Jury Management grants.		\$ 481,890
Total Funding Remaining:			\$ 2,181,890

Proposed Budget for Remaining Funding

Part A: Proposed Budget Items			
Program/Project	Description	Courts Benefited	Proposed Budget
CMS Program Enhancements for California Tyler User Group (CATUG)	Funds statewide enhancements to case management system (Tyler) (including automated/improved reporting, DMV validation, linking records, processing unclaimed monies).	28 Trial Courts	\$ 217,000
Gap funding for New Courthouse Hybrid Program	Gap funding to close out the previously approved New Courtroom Hybrid Program (audio and video upgrades), to ensure new courthouse meets legislative requirements.	5 Trial Courts	\$ 303,852
Appellate Court Budget Augmentation	Funding augmentation to address underfunded JCIT appellate services for ACCMS enhancements and appellate security efforts.	7 Supreme and Appellate Courts	\$ 118,780
BloodHound Pilot Program	New Program: One year cost for BloodHound, a security tool for identifying security misconfigurations and attack paths. This pilot program would provide courts with temporary access to BloodHound for a limited term, allowing them to evaluate benefits prior to assuming ongoing costs.	Available to all	\$ 500,000
eCART Hosting	Limited term subsidy: Funds to cover one year of hosting cost for the eCART application that assembles trial court transcripts for submission to the appellate/district courts. Without this funding, participant courts are charged back for the service.	44 Trial Courts	\$ 200,000
Branchwide Program Total:			\$ 1,339,632

Part B: Tentative Budget Items -- Pending Additional Information

Program/Project	Description	Courts Benefited	Proposed Budget
CrowdStrike Program (New Enrollments)	Expansion: One-time funds to support expansion of limited-term CrowdStrike program, providing solution that protects, monitors, and analyzes activity to prevent unauthorized access to systems and data. Currently, 39 courts are enrolled.	TBD	TBD
Ernst & Young IT Security Outreach Program (New Enrollments)	Expansion: One-time funds to continue the program for courts to receive security assessments and conduct penetration testing. Currently, 16 courts have used the service to date.	TBD	TBD
Judicial Branch Networking Solutions Program	Continuation: Remaining funds will be used to support necessary court network system refreshes and equipment updates, according to the program cycle. All courts benefit from this program.	Branchwide	Remaining
Branchwide Program Total:			\$ 842,258

Item 3: Budget Change Proposal Concepts with Technology Components for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026–27

Summaries (not ranked)

A.	Proposal Title: Proposition 66 in Courts of Appeal
	Requesting Entity: Administrative Presiding Justices Advisory Committee
	Proposal Summary: <p>The Judicial Council of California requests 14.5 positions and \$10.2 million General Fund in FY 2026–27 and \$9.8 million General Fund in FY 2027–28 and ongoing for the Courts of Appeal to address the new workload associated with the implementation of Proposition 66, the Death Penalty Reform and Savings Act of 2016.</p> <p>With approval of this proposal, the Courts of Appeal will be able to hire and develop professional staff to handle habeas corpus appeals to review and render timely opinions to provide relief to prisoners without counsel. The Courts of Appeal will have the necessary resources (funding and staff) to support the new workload and other costs (including appointed counsel, investigation, records storage, and technology upgrades) to adequately address the appeals and the costs associated with the implementation of Prop 66 in the Courts of Appeal.</p>
B.	Proposal Title: Building Management System Guidelines and Assessment
	Requesting Entity: Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee
	Proposal Summary: <p>The Judicial Council of California requests \$2 million one-time General Fund in FY 2026–27 and \$2 million ongoing General Fund. The initial funding in FY 2026–27 will be used to conduct a review of Facilities Services Building Management System (BMS) guidelines and an initial assessment of fifteen facilities as a pilot program. The \$2 million ongoing funding is to establish an annual BMS program for existing facilities.</p> <p>The assessments will evaluate the existing portfolio of Judicial Council-owned facilities, determine the value received from the completed BMS projects, and propose an annual BMS program for the existing facilities. The assessment will focus on evaluation, determination, prioritization, and proposal of scope and cost for each facility that requires a BMS installation or upgrade. The technology in the BMS systems is changing and the software and systems are getting obsolete much faster.</p>