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ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

November 5, 2014  
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Conference Call

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**Advisory Body Members Present:** Judges: Laurie M. Earl (Chair), Loretta M. Begen, Thomas J. Borris, Rene A. Chouteau, C. Don Clay, Mark A. Cope, Thomas DeSantos, Barry P. Goode, Lloyd L. Hicks, Elizabeth W. Johnson, Laura J. Masunaga, Marsha Slough, Robert J. Trentacosta, and Brian Walsh; Executive Officers: Sherri R. Carter, Richard D. Feldstein, John Fitton, Rebecca Fleming, Kimberly Flener, Shawn C. Landry, Deborah Norrie, Michael D. Planet, Michael M. Roddy, Brian Taylor, Mary Beth Todd, Tania Ugrin-Capobianco, Christina M. Volkers, and David Yamasaki; Judicial Council staff advisory members: None.

**Advisory Body Members Absent:** Judges: David S. Wesley; Executive Officers: Jake Chatters; Judicial Council staff advisory members: Curtis Child, Jody Patel, Curt Soderlund, and Zlatko Theodorovic.

**Others Present:** Steven Chang and Vicki Muzny.

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OPEN MEETING

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**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. and roll was taken.

**Approval of Minutes**

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the September 26, 2014, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) meeting.

**Public Comment**

None.

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**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1 – 2)**

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**Item 1**

**Children’s Waiting Room Distributions**

***Action: A motion was made, and approved unanimously, that the TCBAC approve the following three recommendations (1, 3, and 4) of the TCBAC’s Children’s Waiting Room (CWR) Work Group to be presented to the Judicial Council at its December 12, 2014 meeting. Recommendation 2 is to be explored in further detail by the CWR Work Group to be presented to the TCBAC at its December meeting for presentation to the council at its January 2015 meeting.***

- ***Courts applying for new CWR distributions can request that distributions begin no more than one year in advance of the planned opening date of the CWR, unless there are extenuating circumstances. If a court wants to begin receiving distributions more than one year in advance of the planned opening date of a CWR, the request should include an explanation of the extenuating circumstance(s).***
- ***Recommend approval of San Francisco Superior Court’s request to increase its CWR distribution from \$4 to \$5 per filing.***
- ***A court request to decrease its existing CWR distribution does not require Judicial Council approval. The request can be implemented by Judicial Council staff.***

**Item 2**

**Update on the Trial Court Trust Fund and State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund**

***Action: This was a discussion item with no action taken at this time. Judicial Council staff reviewed with the members the current status of the two funds.***

**Other Items**

***Judge Earl announced that members would be notified soon if the tentatively scheduled December 9 TCBAC meeting would be a conference call or in-person meeting.***

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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 12:52 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on December 9, 2014.