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TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

November 24, 2015

12:19 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Teleconference

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**Advisory Body Members Present:** Judges: Jonathan B. Conklin (Chair), Hon. Jeffrey B. Barton, Hon. Laurie M. Earl, Hon. James E. Herman, Hon. Joyce D. Hinrichs, Hon. Lesley D. Holland, Hon. Ira Kaufman, Hon. Carolyn B. Kuhl, Hon. Cynthia Ming-mei Lee, Hon. Paul M. Marigonda, Hon. Brian McCabe, Hon. Glenda Sanders, and Hon. Winifred Younge Smith.

Executive Officers: Mr. Richard D. Feldstein, Ms. Tammy L. Grimm, Mr. José Octavio Guillén, Mr. Samuel Hamrick, Jr., Mr. Kevin Harrigan, Mr. Jeffrey E. Lewis, Mr. Michael D. Planet, Mr. Michael M. Roddy, Ms. Mary Beth Todd, and Mr. David H. Yamasaki.

Judicial Council staff advisory members: Jody Patel and Zlatko Theodorovic.

**Advisory Body Members Absent:** Judges: Hon. Mark Ashton Cope and Hon. Barry P. Goode.  
Executive Officers: Ms. Sherri R. Carter, Ms. Rebecca Fleming, Mr. Brian Taylor, Ms. Tania Ugrin-Capobianco, and Ms. Christina M. Volkers.

**Others Present:** Judicial Council staff: Steven Chang, Lucy Fogarty, and Millicent Tidwell.

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OPEN MEETING

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**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 12:19 pm and roll was taken.

**Approval of Minutes**

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the August 5 and October 12, 2015 meetings.

**Public Comment**

None.

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DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

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**Item 1 - Proposed Change to the Trial Court Trust Fund Program 30.15 (Trial Court Operations) State Operations Appropriation and New Special Display Related to State Trial Court Funding Not Distributed to the Trial Courts (Action Item)**

The TCBAC unanimously supported the following recommendations:

1. Have the Judicial Council of California (JCC) continue to use (i) state operations appropriations from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund and the Trial Court Trust Fund for JCC staff costs (including operating expenses and overhead) related to providing services to trial courts and (ii) local assistance appropriations related to state trial court funding from all funds for (a) direct distributions to court, (b) direct distributions to non-trial-court local entities, and (c) expenses made on behalf of the courts by JCC staff.
2. Consistent with Recommendation 1, have the JCC request that the Department of Finance change the Trial Court Trust Fund Program 30.15 (Trial Court Operations and Fi\$CAL program code 0140019) state operations appropriation reference item 001 to a new state trial court funding Fi\$CAL program code schedule, with the label to be determined by the DOF (possibly "Expenses on Behalf of Trial Courts), and a local assistance appropriation, with the reference item to be determined by the DOF.
3. Have JCC Finance staff request that the Governor include a new special display in the Governor's Proposed Budget starting with the Governor's Proposed Budget for 2016–2017 that provides additional detail on state trial court funding not distributed to trial courts, as provided in Attachment G of the joint working group's report.
4. Have JCC Finance staff revise the special display in the Governor's Proposed Budget for 2015–2016 so that its relationship to the proposed new additional special display is clear or at least clearer to the public, as provided in Attachment F of the joint working group's report.
5. Have the JCC post additional information on the California Courts website that further elaborates on state trial court funding that is not distributed to courts.

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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 12:45 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on January 14, 2016.