

TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

April 22, 2021 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Advisory Body Members Present: Judges: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin (Chair), Hon. Daniel J. Buckley, Hon. Mark A. Cope, Hon. Kimberly Gaab, Hon. Joyce D. Hinrichs, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, Hon. Charles Margines, Hon. Deborah A. Ryan, and Hon. B. Scott Thomsen.

Executive Officers: Ms. Rebecca Fleming (Vice Chair), Ms. Kim Bartleson, Ms. Sherri Carter, Ms. Nancy Eberhardt, Mr. Chad Finke, Mr. Chris Ruhl, Mr. Neal

Taniguchi, Mr. Brian Taylor, Ms. Kim Turner, and Mr. David Yamasaki.

Advisory Body Members Absent:

Hon. Jill C. Fannin, Mr. Shawn Landry, and Mr. Michael D. Planet.

Others Present: Mr. John Wordlaw, Ms. Fran Mueller, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Brandy

Olivera, Ms. Oksana Tuk, Mr. Catrayel Wood, and Hon. D. Zeke Ziedler.

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair welcomed the members, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved minutes of the March 9, 2021 Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) video conference meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-2)

Item 1 - Allocation Methodology of Trial Court Funding in 2021-22 Governor's Budget (Action Required)

Consider a recommendation from the Funding Methodology Subcommittee on allocation methodologies for the \$167.8 million funding restoration and the \$72.2 million new, discretionary funding included in the 2021-22 Governor's Budget for inclusion in the 2021-22 Workload Formula allocation should the funding be included in the enacted budget.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Ms. Oksana Tuk, Senior Analyst, Judicial Council Budget Services **Action**: Taken in two, separate motions, TCBAC unanimously voted to approve allocation of the \$167.8 million funding restoration dollar-for-dollar to courts, regardless of where they may land in relation to their Workload Formula percentage.

TCBAC voted, with one "no" vote, to allocate the \$72.2 million via the current Workload Formula policy without any modifications in relation to Consumer Price Index or providing additional funds to courts below the statewide average funding level (the latter was addressed below with a budget change proposal (BCP) concept change).

Item 2 - Prioritization of Trial Court BCP Concepts for 2022-23 (Action Required)

Review and prioritize trial court BCP concepts, and BCP concept submissions in which the TCBAC was identified as having purview and the opportunity to provide input, for submission to the Judicial Branch Budget Committee for its review.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Chair, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

Ms. Rebecca Fleming, Vice Chair, Trial Court Budget Advisory

Committee

Action: TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the following prioritization, with one concept change and one concept withdrawal:

Of the four concepts where TCBAC had purview to provide input (A through D), the committee voted to support the concepts without prioritization but specified that the concepts submitted by TCBAC were of higher priority. Within those six concepts TCBAC submitted, the committee changed the prioritization as follows:

- 1. Trial Court Workload Formula Gap Funding to 85 Percent (was #5 and at 100 percent, updated the percentage to provide a more focused request for courts below the statewide average funding level)
- 2. Annual Automatic Inflationary Adjustment for Trial Courts (Consumer Price Index) (was #1)
- 3. Trial Court Deferred Maintenance (stays at #3)
- 4. Trial Court Civil Assessment Maintenance of Effort (stays at #4)
- 5. Trial Court Capital Outlay Funding: 2022-23 through 2025-26 (was #6)

The Trial Court Baseline Funding Restoration of 2020-21 Budget Reductions concept was withdrawn (was #2).

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on May 6, 2021.