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## TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE FUNDING METHODOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

November 4, 2021

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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**Advisory Body Members Present:** Judges: Hon. Daniel J. Buckley (Cochair), Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, and Hon. B. Scott Thomsen.

Executive Officers: Ms. Rebecca Fleming (Cochair), Mr. Chad Finke, Mr. Kevin Harrigan, Mr. James Kim, Mr. Brandon E. Riley, Mr. Neal Taniguchi, and Mr. David Yamasaki.

**Advisory Body Members Absent:** Hon. Kevin M. Seibert

**Others Present:** Ms. Fran Mueller, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Brandy Olivera, Ms. Michele Allan, Ms. Oksana Tuk, Mr. Catrayel Wood, Ms. Ann Mendez, and Ms. Ann Greth.

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#### OPEN MEETING

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##### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The cochairs called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and took roll call.

##### **Approval of Minutes**

The subcommittee reviewed and approved the minutes of the September 22, 2021 Funding Methodology Subcommittee (FMS) meeting.

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#### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-2)

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##### **Item 1: Base Funding Floor Requests (Action Required)**

Consideration of a base funding floor increase effective July 1, 2022 for two courts, Alpine and Sierra Superior Courts, currently set at \$800,000.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Ms. Oksana Tuk, Senior Analyst, Judicial Council Budget Services

**Action:** *The FMS voted, with nine "yes" votes and one abstention, to increase the current base funding floor for Alpine and Sierra Superior Courts from \$800,000 to \$950,000 effective July 1, 2022 for consideration by the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) at its November 16, 2021 meeting.*

**Item 2: Court Interpreters Program (CIP) Methodology (Action Required)**

Consideration of recommendations from the Ad Hoc Interpreter Subcommittee on an allocation methodology for CIP funding effective July 1, 2022.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Mr. Catrayel Wood, Senior Analyst, Judicial Council Budget Services

**Action:** *The FMS voted unanimously to approve the Ad Hoc Interpreter Subcommittee's following recommendations for consideration by the TCBCAC at its November 16, 2021 meeting:*

1. *Approve a proportional allocation methodology based on a three-year average of expenditure data available (2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20), up to the CIP appropriation amount effective 2022-23, while the subcommittee continues review of pandemic impact and reporting data considerations effective in 2023-24;*
2. *Require courts to return to the Judicial Council all unspent 2021-22, 2022-23 and ongoing CIP-allocated funds, which will first reimburse courts with a shortfall in each respective year not to exceed the overall appropriation amount, with any remaining funds reverting to the TCTF as restricted program funding;*
3. *Allocate staff interpreter benefits dollar-for-dollar to courts reporting cost benefit changes effective 2022-23; and*
4. *Require receiving courts to offset extraordinary interpreter expenses to courts providing cross-assignments (or "home courts") and charging the subcommittee with working with Judicial Council staff on development of a payment/reimbursement method.*

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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 4:53 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on November 17, 2021.