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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

November 16, 2021
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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Advisory Body Members Present: Judges: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin (Chair), Hon. Daniel J. Buckley, Hon. Jill C. Fannin, Hon. Kimberly Gaab, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, Hon. Erick L. Larsh, Hon. Deborah A. Ryan, Hon. Michael A. Sachs, Hon. Kevin M. Seibert, and Hon. Scott B. Thomsen.

Executive Officers: Ms. Kim Bartleson, Mr. Chad Finke, Mr. Kevin Harrigan, Mr. James Kim, Mr. Shawn Landry, Ms. Krista LeVier, Mr. Brandon E. Riley, Mr. Neal Taniguchi, Mr. Brian Taylor, and Mr. David Yamasaki.

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. Theodore C. Zayner, Ms. Rebecca Fleming (Vice Chair), and Mr. Chris Ruhl.

Others Present: Mr. John Wordlaw, Ms. Fran Mueller, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Brandy Olivera, Ms. Oksana Tuk, and Mr. Catrayel Wood.

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair welcomed the members, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m., and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved minutes of the October 14, 2021 Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) virtual meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEM 1-3)

Item 1 - 2020-21 Final One-Time Reduction for Fund Balances Above the 3% Cap (Action Required)

Review of final submissions of one-time reductions for 2020-21 fund balances.

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

Action: TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the recommendation to approve the 3 percent fund balance cap reduction allocation of \$7,669,000 to match the trial courts' final calculations of the amount above the 3 percent fund balance cap, which nets to \$232,000 with offsetting Trial Court Trust Fund funds held on behalf of the trial court requests, for consideration by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee (Budget Committee) on December 7, 2021 and then the Judicial Council at its January 20-21, 2022 business meeting.

Item 2 - Base Funding Floor Requests (Action Required)

Consideration of a recommendation from the Funding Methodology Subcommittee (FMS) on a base funding floor increase effective July 1, 2022 for Alpine and Sierra Superior Courts, currently set at \$800,000.

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

Action: TCBAC voted, with one abstention, to approve the FMS recommendation to approve a \$150,000 increase to the current base funding floor amount of \$800,000 effective July 1, 2022, for both Alpine and Sierra Superior Courts, for consideration by the Budget Committee on December 7, 2021 and then the council at its January 20-21, 2022 business meeting.

Item 3 - Court Interpreters Program (CIP) Methodology (Action Required)

Consideration of a recommendation from the FMS 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: TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the following recommendation from the FMS, to be considered by the Budget Committee on December 7, 2021 and then by the council at its January 20-21, 2022 business 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 charge the subcommittee with working with Judicial Council staff on development of a payment/reimbursement method.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (ITEMS 1)

Info 1- Trial Court Trust Fund Funds Held on Behalf Expenditure Reporting

Quarterly report to the TCBC on how funds were expended for projects and planned expenditures that are complete.

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

Action: *No action taken.*

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on November 30, 2021.