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TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FUNDING METHODOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

November 17, 2021
2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

<https://jcc.granicus.com/player/event/1474>

Advisory Body Members Present: Judges: Hon. Daniel J. Buckley (Cochair), Hon. Kevin M. Seibert, 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. Patricia L. Kelly

Others Present: Ms. Fran Mueller, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Brandy Olivera, Ms. Michele Allan, and Mr. Catrayel Wood.

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Call to Order and Roll Call

The cochairs called the meeting to order at 2:46 p.m. and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The subcommittee reviewed and approved the minutes of the November 4, 2021 Funding Methodology Subcommittee (FMS) meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-2)

Item 1: SB 170 Ongoing \$7 Million Court Reporter Funding Allocation Methodology (Action Required)

Consideration of a recommendation from the Ad Hoc Court Reporter Funding Subcommittee on an allocation methodology to cover the costs associated with increased transcript rates effective 2021-22.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Ms. Rebecca Fleming (Cochair)

Action: *The FMS voted unanimously to approve the Ad Hoc Court Reporter Funding Subcommittee's following recommendations for consideration by the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) at its November 30, 2021 meeting:*

1. *Approve an allocation methodology that allocates the \$7 million appropriation to each trial court proportionally, based on an average of the prior three-year transcript expenditures;*
2. *Establish 2020-21 actual expenditures as a baseline to determine cost increases and identify unspent funds for General Fund reversion each fiscal year as necessary; and*
3. *Direct staff to update the three-year average for the allocation methodology each year based on the most-recent data available for actual expenditures on transcripts.*

Item 2: SB 170 Ongoing \$30 Million Court Reporter Funding Allocation Methodology (Action Required)

Consideration of a recommendation from the Ad Hoc Court Reporter Funding Subcommittee on an allocation methodology to increase the number of court reporters in family law and civil law case types effective 2021-22.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Ms. Rebecca Fleming (Cochair)

Action: *The FMS voted unanimously to approve the Ad Hoc Court Reporter Funding Subcommittee's following recommendations for consideration by the TCBAC at its November 30, 2021 meeting:*

1. *Approve an allocation methodology that allocates the \$30 million funding proportionally to each trial court based on the most-recently published non-criminal assessed judicial need (AJN), and after a \$25,000 funding floor is provided to those courts that fall below the floor amount through the model;*
2. *Capture a baseline number and associated costs for court reporters in non-criminal case types, effective July 1, 2021, to ensure that these funds are not being used to supplant existing expenditures in these areas, consistent with the requirements in the budget language;*
3. *Update the AJN data and Schedule 7A data used each year based on the most recent information available at the time of allocation for each fiscal year; and;*
4. *Identify unspent funds for General Fund reversion each fiscal year as necessary.*

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on April 19, 2022.