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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

May 5, 2022

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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Advisory Body Members Present: Judges: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin (Chair), Hon. Kimberly Gaab, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, Hon. Erick L. Larsh, Hon. Deborah A. Ryan, Hon. Michael A. Sachs, and Hon. Scott B. Thomsen.

Executive Officers: Ms. Rebecca Fleming (Vice Chair), Mr. Chad Finke, Mr. Kevin Harrigan, Mr. James Kim, Mr. Shawn Landry, Ms. Krista LeVier, Mr. Brandon E. Riley, Mr. Chris Ruhl, Mr. Brian Taylor, Mr. Neal Taniguchi, and Mr. David Yamasaki.

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. Jill C. Fannin, Hon. Kevin M. Seibert, Hon. Theodore C. Zayner, and Ms. Kim Bartleson.

Others Present: Mr. John Wordlaw, Ms. Fran Mueller, Ms. Brandy Olivera, Mr. Don Will, Ms. Audrey Fancy, Ms. Shirley Mohammed, Ms. Oksana Tuk, and Ms. Deirdre Benedict.

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 April 21, 2022 Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) virtual meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEM 1-5)

Item 1 - 2022-23 Court-Appointed Dependency Counsel Allocations (Action Required)

Consideration of the 2022-23 allocations from the Trial Court Trust Fund (TCTF) for court-appointed dependency counsel.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Mr. Don Will, Deputy Director, Judicial Council Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Ms. Audrey Fancy, Principal Managing Attorney, Judicial Council Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Action: TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the recommendation to approve the following for consideration by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee (Budget Committee) and then the Judicial Council at its July 14-15, 2022 business meeting:

1. Revise the current court-appointed dependency counsel funding allocation methodology to specify that the cost of the small court adjustment be funded by a prorata adjustment to the funding allocations of all courts not falling under the definition of “small court” in this methodology;
2. Specify that the county counsel median salary survey be updated on an annual basis beginning in 2022-23; and
3. 2022-23 funding allocations based on the recommended amended methodology as outlined in Attachment 1A, column J.

Item 2 - Allocations from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund (IMF) for 2022-23 (Action Required)

Consideration of recommendations of the Revenue and Expenditure (R&E) Subcommittee regarding allocations from the IMF for 2022-23.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Ms. Shirley Mohammed, Analyst, Judicial Council Budget Services

Action: TCBAC unanimously voted to adopt a recommendation to approve a total of \$45,384,000 in preliminary allocations for 2022-23 from the IMF for consideration by the Budget Committee and then the council at its July 14-15, 2022 business meeting.

Item 3 - Allocations from the TCTF and Trial Court Allocations for 2022-23 (Action Required)

Consideration of recommendations of the R&E Subcommittee and the Funding Methodology Subcommittee regarding allocations from the TCTF for 2022-23, and consideration of 2022-23 trial court allocations, including proposed funding, interpreter funding, and the Workload Formula from the TCTF, State Court Facilities Construction Fund, and General Fund.

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

Action: TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the following recommendations for consideration by the Budget Committee and then the council at its July 14-15, 2022 business meeting:

- Approve base, discretionary, and non-discretionary programs from the TCTF in the amount of \$2.853 billion (Attachment 3B, column AH), including:
 - SCFCF allocation in the amount of \$50.0 million for support for operation of the trial courts (Attachment 3B, column X); and
 - GF allocation in the amount of \$68.8 million for employee benefits (Attachment 3B, column Y).

- *As a subset of the \$2.853 billion total allocation, approve a Workload Allocation of \$2.444 billion based on methodologies approved by the Judicial Council (Attachment 3C, column AB).*

Item 4 - 2022-23 Pretrial Allocations and Funding Floor (Action Required) Consideration of 2022-23 pretrial allocations and funding floor adjustment (Action Required)

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Ms. Deirdre Benedict, Senior Analyst, Judicial Council Criminal Justice Services

Action: *TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the recommendation for the 2022–23 allocations for Pretrial Release funding, as outlined in Attachment 4A, for consideration by the Budget Committee and then the Judicial Council at its July 14-15, 2022 business meeting.*

Item 5 - Workload Formula Impact from Remote Appearance Fee Revenue (Action Required)

Consideration of the impact to the Workload Formula from fees imposed under Government Code section 70630.

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

Action: *TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the recommendation to exclude revenues collected under Government Code section 70630 as a funding category in the Workload Formula methodology for “Other Local Revenues” effective July 1, 2022 for consideration by the Budget Committee and then the Judicial Council at its July 14-15, 2022 business meeting.*

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

Info 1 - 2022-23 Self-Help Annual Update

Annual informational update of the three-year average population data from the California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, and population estimates for cities and counties and the state.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Mr. Nick Armstrong, Senior Research Analyst, Judicial Council Business Management Services

Action: *No action taken.*

Info 2 - TCTF Funds Held on Behalf Expenditure Reporting

Quarterly report to the TCBAC 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 1:00 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on June 21, 2022.