



Judicial Council of California  
Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

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**TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING**

May 4, 2023

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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**Advisory Body Members Present:** Judges: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin (Chair), Hon. Michael A. Sachs, Hon. Kimberly A. Gaab, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, Hon. Erick L. Larsh, Hon. Michael J. Reinhart, Hon. Kevin M. Seibert, and Hon. Kimberly Merrifield.  
Executive Officers: Ms. Rebecca Fleming (Vice Chair), Ms. Krista LeVier, Mr. Brandon E. Riley, Mr. Chris Ruhl, Mr. Neal Taniguchi, Ms. Stephanie Cameron, Mr. Chad Finke, and Mr. Shawn Landry, and Mr. David Yamasaki.

**Advisory Body Members Absent:** Hon. Wendy G. Getty, Hon. Jill C. Fannin, Ms. Kim Bartleson, and Mr. James Kim.

**Others Present:** Hon. David Kalemkarian, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Fran Mueller, Ms. Brandy Olivera, Mr. Jessie Romine, and Ms. Rose Lane.

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**OPEN MEETING**

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**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The chair welcomed the members, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., and took roll call.

**Approval of Minutes**

The advisory body reviewed and approved minutes from the April 21, 2023 Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) meeting.

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**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-7)**

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**Item 1 – 2023-24 Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act Allocation Methodology (Action Required)**

Consideration of a Funding Methodology Subcommittee (FMS) recommendation on a methodology for 2023-24 CARE Act allocations.

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

**Action:** TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the following recommendations for consideration by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee (Budget Committee) at its May 17, 2023 meeting:

1. Approve, for Cohort One courts implementing the CARE Act, an allocation methodology that employs the Workload Formula with a base of 25 CARE Act cases, calculated at \$93,225, for 2023-24.
2. Approve, for Cohort One courts implementing the CARE Act, an allocation methodology that employs the Workload Formula with a base of \$98,000, pro-rated to the amount of funding Cohort One courts are estimated to receive in 2024-25 when all courts are implementing the CARE Act.
3. Approve, for Cohort Two courts, an allocation methodology that employs the Workload Formula with a base of \$98,000, pro-rated to the amount that remains after the allocation described in Recommendation 2 and is reduced by 0.5 percent to hold as a reserve for Cohort One courts that require additional program funding. Any unspent funding from the court allocations and this reserve will be redistributed through the reallocation process and via the approved methodology.
4. Direct Judicial Council staff to survey Cohort One courts by February 2024 and bring a reallocation proposal to the TCBAC for March 2024 Judicial Council action.

#### **Item 2 – 2023-24 Court-Appointed Dependency Counsel Allocations (Action Required)**

Consideration of the 2023-24 allocations from the Trial Court Trust Fund (TCTF) for court-appointed dependency counsel.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Ms. Audrey Fancy, Principal Managing Attorney, Judicial Council Center for Families, Children & the Courts

**Action:** TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the recommended court-appointed dependency counsel allocations as outlined in Attachment 2A for consideration by the Budget Committee at its May 17, 2023 meeting.

#### **Item 3 – 2023-24 AB 1058 Funding Methodologies and Allocations (Action Required)**

Consideration of the 2023-24 methodologies and allocations for the child support commissioner and family law facilitator programs.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Ms. Anna Maves, Supervising Attorney, Judicial Council Center for Families, Children & the Courts

**Action:** TCBAC unanimously voted on the following for consideration by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee at its May 17, 2023 meeting:

1. Approve the recommended base allocation for the Child Support Commissioner program for 2023-24 and 2024-25, as described below and stated in Attachment A, maintaining the current funding methodology approved by the council in 2019, with updated workload data;
2. Approve the recommended base allocation for the Family Law Facilitator program for 2023-24 and 2024-25, as described below and stated in Attachment B, maintaining the current funding methodology approved by the council in 2021, with updated population data; and

3. Approve the committee's recommendation for 2023-24 Assembly Bill 1058 Program court funding comprised of the base funding allocations derived from recommendations 1 and 2 and the federal drawdown funding based on the methodology adopted by the Judicial Council in January 2019, as stated in Attachments C1 and C2.

**Item 4 – 2023-24 Pretrial Allocations and Funding Floor (Action Required)**

Consideration of the 2023-24 pretrial allocations and funding floor adjustment.

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

**Action:** TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the 2023-24 allocations for Pretrial Release funding, as outlined in Attachment 4A, for consideration by the Budget Committee at its May 17, 2023 meeting.

**Item 5 – 2023-24 Court Reporter Allocations (Action Required)**

Consideration of the 2023-24 allocations for the \$30 million court reporter funding.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Mr. Chris Belloli, Manager, Judicial Council Business Management Services

**Action:** TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the allocation of the \$30 million to the trial courts on a proportional basis using the council-approved methodology with updated Assessed Judicial Need data based on the 2022 Judicial Needs Assessment as outlined in Attachment 5A for consideration by the Budget Committee at its May 17, 2023 meeting.

**Item 6 – 2023-24 Allocations from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund (IMF) (Action Required)**

Consideration of Revenue and Expenditure (R&E) Subcommittee recommendations on 2023-24 allocations from the IMF.

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

**Action:** TCBAC unanimously voted to adopt a recommendation to approve a total of \$45.2 million in preliminary allocations for 2023-24 from the IMF as outlined in Attachment 6A for consideration by the Budget Committee at its May 17, 2023 meeting.

**Item 7 – 2023-24 Allocations from the TCTF and Trial Court Allocations (Action Required)**

Consideration of R&E Subcommittee recommendations on 2023-24 allocations from the TCTF, and consideration of 2023-24 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 base, discretionary, and non-discretionary programs from the TCTF of \$3 billion (Attachment 7B, column AG), excluding the proposed 2023-24 civil assessment backfill allocation in Attachment 7B, columns F, G, and H; and a Workload Allocation of \$2.5 billion based on methodologies approved by the Judicial Council (Attachment 7C, column AA), excluding the proposed 2023-24 civil assessment backfill allocation in Attachment C, columns S, T, and U. The civil assessment

*backfill allocation will be sent back to the FMS and the TCBAC to consider alternatives allocation methodologies, all for consideration by the Budget Committee.*

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**INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (NO ACTION REQUIRED)**

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**Info 1 – 2023-24 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, counties, and the state.

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

**Action:** *No action taken.*

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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 1:11 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on May 25, 2023.