



Judicial Council of California
Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

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TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

February 14, 2024
12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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Advisory Body Members Present: Judges: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin (Chair), Hon. Judith C. Clark, Hon. Wendy G. Getty, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, Hon. David C. Kalemkarian, Hon. Michael J. Reinhart, Hon. Michael A. Sachs, and Hon. Kevin M. Seibert.

Executive Officers: Ms. Stephanie Cameron, Mr. Chad Finke, Mr. James Kim, Ms. Krista LeVier, Mr. Brandon E. Riley, Mr. Chris Ruhl, Mr. Lee Seale, and Mr. David W. Slayton.

Advisory Body Members Absent: Ms. Rebecca Fleming (Vice Chair), Hon. Kimberly A. Gaab, Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Hon. Erick L. Larsh, Mr. Shawn Landry, Mr. Neal Taniguchi, and Mr. David H. Yamasaki.

Others Present: Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Fran Mueller, Ms. Donna Newman, and Ms. Rose Lane.

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 committee approved minutes from the January 22, 2024 Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) meeting, and the February 1, 2024 and February 2, 2024 Action by E-mail between meetings.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1 - 2)

Item 1 – California Court Interpreter Workforce Pilot Program (Action Required)

Consideration of the allocation methodology to implement the California Court Interpreter Workforce Pilot Program.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Mr. Douglas Denton, Principal Manager, Judicial Council Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Action: The TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the allocation methodology for the \$6.8 million and implementation of the California Court Interpreter Workforce Pilot Program, for consideration by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee and then the Judicial Council at its May 17, 2024 business meeting.

Item 2 – Minimum Operating and Emergency Reserve Policy (Action Required)

Consideration of the continued suspension of the trial court Minimum Operating and Emergency Fund Balance Policy.

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

Action: The TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the following recommendations for consideration by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee and then the Judicial Council at its May 17, 2024 business meeting:

- *Extend the suspension of the minimum operating and emergency fund balance policy for two fiscal years until June 30, 2026. This will provide additional time to determine the impact of the proposals included in the 2024–25 Governor’s Budget on trial court operations and emergency funding levels.*
- *Request the Funding Methodology Subcommittee consider if the minimum operating and emergency fund balance policy, which has been suspended since 2012–13, should be repealed at a future time based on enactment of the proposed changes to the state-level emergency reserve and fund balance cap included in the 2024-25 Governor’s Budget.*

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on March 27, 2024.