



Judicial Council of California  
Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

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TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

May 24, 2024  
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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**Advisory Body Members Present:** Judges: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin (Chair), Hon. Judith C. Clark, Hon. Kimberly A. Gaab, Hon. Wendy G. Getty, Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Hon. David C. Kalemkarian, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, Hon. Erick L. Larsh, Hon. Michael A. Sachs, and Hon. Kevin M. Seibert.

Executive Officers: Ms. Rebecca Fleming (Vice Chair), Ms. Stephanie Cameron, Mr. Chad Finke, Ms. Krista LeVier, Mr. Brandon E. Riley, Mr. Chris Ruhl, Mr. David W. Slayton, Mr. Neal Taniguchi, and Mr. David H. Yamasaki.

**Advisory Body Members Absent:** Hon. Michael J. Reinhart, Mr. James Kim, Mr. Shawn Landry, and Mr. Lee Seale.

**Others Present:** Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Fran Mueller, Ms. Donna Newman, Ms. Oksana Tuk, 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 12:01 p.m. and took roll call.

**Approval of Minutes**

The committee approved minutes from the May 1, 2024, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) meeting.

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DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-3)

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**Item 1 – Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act Allocations for 2024–25 (Action Required)**

Consideration of revised recommendations for 2024–25 allocations for the CARE Act due to caseload adjustments included in the May Revision.

**Action:** The TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the following recommendations for consideration by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee (Budget Committee) and then the Judicial Council at its July 12, 2024, business meeting:

- Continue all elements of the fiscal year 2023–24 approved allocation methodology;
- Approve an allocation, for Cohort One courts and Los Angeles, based on the amount required for a full year of CARE Act implementation; and
- Approve an allocation, for Cohort Two courts, prorated to the amount required for a full year of CARE Act implementation.

**Item 2 – Court Reporter Allocations for 2024–25 (Action Required)**

Consideration of revised recommendations for 2024–25 allocations for court reporters due to the funding reduction included in the May Revision.

**Action:** The TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the following recommendations for consideration by the Budget Committee and then the Judicial Council at its July 12, 2024, business meeting:

- Allocate \$20 million to the trial courts based on a change to the funding floor from \$25,000 to \$16,667, consistent with the one-third reduction in funding from \$30 million to \$20 million, as outlined in Option B; and
- Direct Judicial Council staff to survey the courts after allocations are distributed as soon as practical, but no later than mid-year of FY 2024–25, for a one-time redistribution of unspent funds to ensure the full appropriation is maximized.

**Item 3 – Allocations from the Trial Court Trust Fund (TCTF) for 2024–25 (Action Required)**

Consideration of revised recommendations for 2024–25 allocations from the TCTF due to the funding reduction included in the May Revision.

**Action:** The TCBAC voted to approve (with 16 members voting yes and 3 voting no) the Reverse Workload Formula Equity Reduction Allocation with Band methodology to distribute the \$97 million ongoing reduction to the trial courts, as outlined in Attachment 3D of the materials, for consideration by the Budget Committee and then the Judicial Council at its July 12, 2024, business meeting.

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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 1:36 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on July 2, 2024.