



Judicial Council of California  
Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

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**TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING**

October 4, 2024

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

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**Advisory Body**

**Members Present:**

Judges: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin (Chair), Hon. J. Eric Bradshaw, Hon. Judith C. Clark, Hon. Kimberly A. Gaab, Hon. Wendy G. Getty, Hon. Samantha P. Jessner, Hon. David C. Kalemkarian, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, and Hon. Michael J. Reinhart.

Executive Officers: Ms. Rebecca Fleming (Vice Chair), Ms. Stephanie Cameron, Mr. Chad Finke, Mr. Kevin Harrigan, Mr. Shawn C. Landry, Mr. Darrel E. Parker, Mr. Brandon E. Riley, Mr. Michael M. Roddy, Mr. Chris Ruhl, Mr. David W. Slayton, Mr. Neal Taniguchi, and Mr. David H. Yamasaki.

**Advisory Body**

**Members Absent:**

Hon. Lisa M. Rogan

**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 8:00 a.m. and took roll call.

**Approval of Minutes**

The committee approved minutes from the July 2, 2024, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) meeting and the July 16, 2024, Action by E-mail between meetings.

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**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-4)**

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**Item 1 – 2024–25 Increased Transcript Rate Allocations (Action Required)**

Consideration of 2024–25 allocations for increased transcript rates.

**Action:** The TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the allocation of \$7 million to each trial court proportionally using the council-approved methodology for fiscal year 2024–25, based on an average of the prior three-year transcript expenditures. This recommendation will be considered by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee and then the Judicial Council at its November 15, 2024, business meeting.

**Item 2 – 2024–25 Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Pilot Program Pro Rata Distribution for a Mid-Cycle Allocation (Action Required)**

Consideration of an allocation methodology for additional grant funds to current Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Pilot Program recipients.

**Action:** The TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the mid-cycle allocation methodology to distribute an additional \$3.6 million to current pilot projects on a pro rata basis and allow pilot projects to spend their allocations during fiscal years 2024–25 and 2025–26. This recommendation will be considered by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee and then the Judicial Council at its November 15, 2024, business meeting.

**Item 3 – Firearm Relinquishment Grant Program for 2024–25 Through 2025–26 (Action Required)**

Consideration of allocations for Cycle 3 Firearm Relinquishment Grant awards for 2024–25 through 2025–26.

**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 November 15, 2024, business meeting:

1. Approve the allocation and distribution of \$9.1 million to six trial courts to fund new or expanded firearm relinquishment programs for 2024–25 through 2025–26; and
2. Delegate authority to the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee to reallocate and distribute any unspent funding allocated to any of the awarded courts in Cycles 1, 2, and 3, based on the same criteria established during the application period.

**Item 4 – 2023–24 Final Adjustments for Year-end Fund Balances (Action Required)**

Review of final one-time adjustments for 2023–24 year-end fund balances for the trial courts.

**Action:** The TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the final 2023–24 year-end adjustment of a 3 percent fund balance cap allocation reduction of \$25.5 million, which nets to \$1.5 million after adjusting for \$24 million in applicable FHOB requests, for consideration by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee and then the Judicial Council at its November 15, 2024, business meeting.

**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 8:29 a.m.

Approved by the advisory body on November 22, 2024.