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Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

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TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FUNDING METHODOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

December 17, 2024
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

<https://jcc.granicus.com/player/event/3979>

Advisory Body Members Present: Judges: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin (Cochair), Hon. J. Eric Bradshaw, Hon. Samantha P. Jessner, Hon. David C. Kalemkarian, and Hon. Patricia L. Kelly
Executive Officers: Mr. Chad Finke (Cochair), Ms. Stephanie Cameron, Ms. Rebecca Fleming, Mr. Shawn C. Landry, Mr. Chris Ruhl, Mr. David W. Slayton, and Mr. David H. Yamasaki

Advisory Body Members Absent:

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

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair welcomed the members, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The subcommittee approved minutes from the October 30, 2024, Funding Methodology Subcommittee (FMS) meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-2)

Item 1 – Court Reporter Funding Mid-Year Reallocation for 2024–25 (Action Required)

Consideration of mid-year reallocation of court reporter funding for 2024–25.

Action: The FMS voted to approve Option 1 (9 yes votes and 3 no votes) to allocate the unspent funding to courts as a proportion of the total amount of funding being requested as outlined in Attachment C for consideration by the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee, the Judicial Branch Budget Committee, and then the Judicial Council at its February 21, 2025, business meeting.

Item 2 – Workload Formula Allocation Methodologies for Potential Budget Reductions and Funding Restoration (Action Required)

Consideration of workload formula options for allocation methodologies for potential future budget reductions and restoration of funding.

Action: The FMS directed Judicial Council staff to develop various scenarios for allocation methodologies for potential future budget reductions and restoration of funding for the trial courts, for further consideration by the FMS at its February 5, 2025 meeting, as outlined below:

Six Reduction Methodology Scenarios:

A hypothetical reduction amount of \$100 million for each of the methodologies below calculated using both Workload Formula need and allocation for a total of six reduction methodology scenarios. Cluster one courts will move down a maximum of 2 percent funding need but no court should go below 100 percent. For Option 2b the band of 2 percent below and 2 percent above remains consistent (4 percent total).

1. Pro rata reduction allocation
- 2a. Reverse Workload Formula equity reduction allocation with reduction limitation
- 2b. Reverse Workload Formula equity reduction allocation without reduction limitation

Eight Restoration Methodology Scenarios:

Reduction amounts of \$97 million and a proportional amount of \$50 million for each of the methodologies below for a total of eight reduction methodology scenarios.

1. Restore funding exactly how it was reduced
2. Workload Formula (calculated on need only)
3. Pro rata restoration allocation
4. Workload Formula with equity adjustment

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on February 5, 2025.