



Judicial Council of California  
Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

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TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

January 22, 2025  
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.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, Hon. Michael J. Reinhart, Hon. Lisa M. Rogan, and Hon. Sonny S. Sandhu

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, Ms. Kim Turner, and Mr. David H. Yamasaki

**Advisory Body Members Absent:** Hon. Julie A. Emede

**Others Present:** Ms. Shelley Curran, Mr. Robert Oyung, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Donna Newman, Ms. Angela Cowan, Ms. Thera Hearne, 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 12:00 p.m. and took roll call.

**Approval of Minutes**

The committee approved minutes from the January 9, 2025, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) meeting.

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DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-2)

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**Item 1 – Allocation for Partial Restoration of Trial Court Operations Funding for Fiscal Year 2024–25 (Action Required)**

Consideration of an allocation for a partial restoration of the \$97 million reduction for trial court operations for fiscal year 2024–25.

**Action:** The TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the allocation of the \$42 million partial restoration of the initial \$97 million trial court operations reduction in FY 2024–25 and ongoing using the same Judicial Council-approved methodology to allocate the revised \$55 million reduction as was applied for the \$97 million reduction, as displayed in Supplemental Attachment B of the additional materials. This recommendation will be considered by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee and then the Judicial Council at its February 21, 2025, business meeting.

**Item 2 – Trial Court Budget Change Proposals for Fiscal Year 2026–27 (Action Required)**

Consider trial court funding priorities and budget change proposals for the fiscal year 2026–27 budget development process.

**Action:** The TCBAC unanimously voted to prioritize the top two 2026–27 budget change proposal concepts for the trial courts from funding priorities reported by the courts (1) Inflationary Adjustment (Consumer Price Index), and (2) Equity Funding for consideration by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee at its February 19, 2025, meeting. Additionally, on November 22, 2024, the TCBAC directed Judicial Council staff to work with the trial courts to develop a funding request for additional court interpreter resources for fiscal year 2026–27. Further, the TCBAC will support the following trial court funding priorities submitted through other committees:

- New and Deferred Facility Maintenance Funding (including facility modifications, upgrades, and deferred maintenance);
- Funding for Courthouse Construction (including courthouses not managed by the Judicial Council and associated security measures);
- Funding for Unfunded Mandates (including AB 1058, California Family Code 3150 counsel for minors, mental health diversion, conservatorship changes, and post-conviction work);
- Increased and Ongoing Technology Funding (including information technology modernization, equipment purchases, staff, support, licensing, and infrastructure); and
- Self-Help Funding.

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

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**Info 1 – Governor’s Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2025–26**

Update on the Governor’s Budget proposal for fiscal year 2025–26.

**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 1:19 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on February 6, 2025.