



TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FUNDING METHODOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

February 5, 2025
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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Advisory Body Judges: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin (Cochair), Hon. J. Eric Bradshaw, Hon.
Members Present: 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,
Ms. Kim Turner, 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 called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body approved the minutes of the December 17, 2024, Funding Methodology Subcommittee (FMS) meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEM 1)

**Item 1 – Allocation Methodologies for Potential Budget Reductions and Funding Restoration
(Action Required)**

Consideration of allocation methodology options for potential future budget reductions and restoration of funding for trial courts.

Action: *The FMS unanimously voted to approve the following recommendations for consideration by the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee, the Judicial Branch Budget Committee, and then the Judicial Council at its July 18, 2025, business meeting:*

- 1. Approve the 'reverse Workload Formula equity reduction allocation without reduction limitation' methodology to address potential future budget reductions, as outlined in Option 2b and displayed in Attachment D;*
- 2. Approve the 'recalculate reduction using initial methodology with restored funding' approach to address potential funding restorations that occur in the same year in which the initial reduction took place, as outlined in Option 5 and displayed in Attachment I; and*
- 3. Defer consideration of an allocation methodology for potential restoration of funding in future years to the next FMS meeting.*

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on March 11, 2025.