



# Judicial Council of California

Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

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## TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

May 22, 2025

12:00 p.m. — 1:00 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. Julie A. Emede, Hon. Kimberly A. Gaab, Hon. Wendy G. Getty, Hon. Samantha P. Jessner, Hon. David C. Kalemkarian, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, and Hon. Lisa M. Rogan

Executive Officers: Ms. Rebecca Fleming (Vice-Chair), Ms. Stephanie Cameron, Mr. Chad Finke, Mr. Kevin Harrigan, 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. Michael J. Reinhart, Hon. Sonny S. Sandhu, and Mr. Shawn C. Landry

**Others Present:** Mr. Rob Oyung, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, 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 called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and took roll call.

#### Approval of Minutes

The advisory body approved the minutes of the May 7, 2025, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee meeting.

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### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEM 1)

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#### Item 1 – Trial Court Allocations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025–26 (Action Required)

Consideration of FY 2025–26 allocations from the Trial Court Trust Fund and General Fund to support trial court operations.

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

1. *Apply the standard annual updates to the Resource Assessment Study model including updated filings, salary, benefits, operating expenditures and equipment, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and court executive officer salary data and continue to use the existing 2017 caseweights in the Workload Formula calculations for FY 2025–26. This results in a statewide funding percentage of 85.9 percent;*
2. *Defer the updated 2024 caseweights in the Workload Formula calculations to FY 2026–27 to allow time for evaluation of the changes in the weights and their impact on funding allocations to the trial courts;*
3. *Approve the base, discretionary, and nondiscretionary program allocations from the Trial Court Trust Fund and General Fund in the amount of \$3.1 billion, including any needed technical adjustments and contingent on funding included in the enacted budget for FY 2025–26:*
  - *General Fund allocation of \$68.8 million for employee benefits*
  - *As a subset of the \$3.1 billion total allocation, approve a Workload Formula allocation of \$2.6 billion based on methodologies approved by the Judicial Council; and*
4. *Delegate authority to the Administrative Director of the Judicial Council to authorize baseline technical adjustments for Trial Court Trust Fund allocations, up to a maximum of 10 percent of specific allocations, to allow for the efficient implementation of required budgetary adjustments.*

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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 12:38 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on July 2, 2025.