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Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

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TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

July 2, 2025

12:00 p.m. — 1:00 p.m.

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Advisory Body Members Present: Judges: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin (Chair), Hon. Judith C. Clark, Hon. Julie A. Emede, Hon. Kimberly A. Gaab, Hon. Wendy G. Getty, Hon. Samantha P. Jessner, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, and Hon. Sonny S. Sandhu

Executive Officers: Ms. Rebecca Fleming (Vice-Chair), Ms. Stephanie Cameron, 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. J. Eric Bradshaw, Hon. David C. Kalemkarian, Hon. Michael J. Reinhart, Hon. Lisa M. Rogan, Mr. Chad Finke, and Mr. Shawn C. Landry

Others Present: Ms. Fran Mueller, Ms. Donna Newman, Ms. Oksana Tuk, and Ms. Rose Lane

OPEN MEETING

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 22, 2025, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEM (ITEM 1)

Item 1 – Funding Methodology Subcommittee Annual Work Plan (Action Required)

Consideration of updates to the Funding Methodology Subcommittee annual work plan for fiscal year 2025–26.

Action: The TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the following recommendations by the Funding Methodology Subcommittee for updates to the annual work plan as follows:

1. **Move Item 1 to FY 2025–26.** Reevaluate the court cluster system, which is determined by the number of authorized judicial positions, and the impact of trial courts' cluster placement in the Resource Assessment Study (RAS);
2. **Remove Item 2.** Consider further refinements to the Workload Formula policy, including methodologies to allocate future budget reductions and/or the restoration of funding that had previously been reduced due to budget shortfalls as this item is complete;
3. **Move Item 3 to FY 2025–26.** Reevaluate the Trial Court Minimum Operating and Emergency Fund Balance Policy and consider if it should be repealed;
4. **Add Item 4.** Evaluate the equity-based reallocation policy including technical refinements and clarification of the application of the existing methodology;
5. **Add Item 5.** Evaluate the impact of the RAS data on the Workload Formula calculation and timing of implementation of new caseweights in the model;
6. **Add Item 6.** Evaluate the impact of the Bureau of Labor Statistics factor and its impact on the Workload Formula calculation;
7. **Add Item 7.** Review the Workload Formula policy to address adjustments as needed to ensure the policy stays current to advance the goal of funding equity, stability, and predictability to support trial court operations;
8. **Retain Item 8.** Review the base funding floor amounts annually, if requested by the applicable courts, for consideration by the TCBAC no later than December of each year, to determine whether an inflationary adjustment is needed; and
9. **Retain Item 9.** Review the Workload Formula adjustment request process submissions as referred by the TCBAC chair.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (ITEM 1) (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

Info 1 – Budget Act of 2025 Update

Update on the Budget Act of 2025 and impact on the trial courts.

Action: *No action taken.*

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on August 11, 2025.