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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

July 31, 2025

12:00 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.

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Advisory Body Judges: Hon. J. Eric Bradshaw and Hon. Judith C. Clark
Members Present: Executive Officers: Mr. Chad Finke (Cochair), Ms. Stephanie Cameron, Mr. Shawn C. Landry, Mr. Chris Ruhl, Mr. David W. Slayton, Ms. Kim Turner, and Mr. David H. Yamasaki
Advisory Body Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin (Cochair), Hon. Samantha P. Jessner, Hon. David C.
Members Absent: Kalemkarian, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, and Ms. Rebecca Fleming
Others Present: Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Fran Mueller, 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 June 18, 2025, Funding Methodology Subcommittee (FMS) meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEM (ITEM 1-3)

Item 1 – Court-Appointed Juvenile Dependency Counsel Allocations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025–26 (Action Required)

Consideration of allocation methodologies for court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel for FY 2025–26.

Action: The FMS unanimously voted to approve the following recommendations to be considered by the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC), the Judicial Branch Budget Committee, and then the Judicial Council via circulating order in early September 2025.

1. Approve the allocation of funding according to the existing court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel funding methodology approved by the Judicial Council. Proposed allocations are detailed in Attachment 1A of the materials.
2. Direct Judicial Council staff to conduct a spending plan survey of all the trial courts to determine whether any courts do not intend to spend their full allocation (as detailed in Attachment 1A) such that some amount of funds could be available to assist small courts in adjusting to the reductions this fiscal year. Concurrent to base allocations, allocate available funds to impacted small courts that require assistance, up to their proposed allocation as approved previously by the TCBAC on May 7, 2025, with any remaining funds to be allocated to all eligible courts through the regular midyear reallocation process.
3. Revisit the court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel funding methodology in FY 2025–26 in its entirety with an emphasis on trial court adjustments.

Item 2 – Pretrial Release Program Allocations for FY 2025–26 (Action Required)

Consideration of allocations and funding floor adjustment for the Pretrial Release Program for FY 2025–26.

Action: The FMS unanimously voted to approve the following recommendations to be considered by the TCBAC, the Judicial Branch Budget Committee, and then the Judicial Council via circulating order in early September 2025.

1. Approve the FY 2025–26 allocations, including funding floor allocations, for the Pretrial Release Program in accordance with the budget bill language, by distributing the funding based on each county's relative proportion of 18–24-year-olds. Individual allocations are in attachment 2A of the materials.
2. Direct Judicial Council staff to conduct a midyear survey of expenditures and spending plans in November 2025 to determine which jurisdictions anticipate having unspent funding and which jurisdictions anticipate a demonstrated need for additional funding and recommend a methodology for reallocating funding between the trial courts based on demonstrated need.

Item 3 – Proposition 36 Allocations for FY 2025–26 (Action Required)

Consideration of allocation methodologies for Proposition 36 implementation for FY 2025–26.

Action: The FMS unanimously voted to approve the following recommendation to be considered by the TCBAC, the Judicial Branch Budget Committee, and then the Judicial Council via circulating order in early September 2025.

1. Approve one-time funding for FY 2025–26 allocations for the implementation of Proposition 36 in accordance with Allocation Methodology 1, where fifty percent of the funding is allocated based

on each trial court's non-traffic misdemeanor and felony filings and fifty percent of the funding is allocated based on each trial court's Proposition 36 survey data. Individual allocations are in attachment 3D of the materials.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on October 9, 2025.