



Judicial Council of California  
Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

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**TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING**

August 11, 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. Julie A. Emede, Hon. Kimberly A. Gaab, Hon. Wendy G. Getty, Hon. Samantha P. Jessner, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, Hon. Lisa M. Rogan, and Hon. Sonny S. Sandhu  
Executive Officers: Ms. Rebecca Fleming (Vice-Chair), Ms. Stephanie Cameron, Mr. Chad Fink, 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. Judith C. Clark, Hon. David C. Kalemkarian, and Hon. Michael J. Reinhart

**Others Present:** Ms. Donna Newman, and Ms. Oksana Tuk

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**OPEN MEETING**

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**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. and took roll call.

**Approval of Minutes**

The advisory body approved the minutes of the July 2, 2025, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) meeting.

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**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEM (ITEM 1-3)**

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**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 TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the following recommendations by the Funding Methodology Subcommittee to be considered by 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 Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee 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 TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the following recommendations by the Funding Methodology Subcommittee to be considered by 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 mid-year 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 TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the following recommendations by the Funding Methodology Subcommittee to be considered by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee and then the Judicial Council via circulating order in early September 2025.

Approve the 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.*

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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 12:54 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on August 25, 2025.