



Judicial Council of California

TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF ACTION BY EMAIL

June 3, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Members Present: Judges: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin (Chair), Hon. J. Eric Bradshaw, Hon. Christopher R. Bowen, Hon. Judith C. Clark, Hon. Judith K. Dulcich, Hon. Julie A. Emede, Hon. Samantha P. Jessner, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, Hon. Sonny S. Sandhu, and Hon. Scott R. L. Young

Executive Officers: Ms. Rebecca Fleming (Cochair), Ms. Kate Bieker, Ms. Stephanie Cameron, Mr. Jake Chatters, Mr. Chad Finke, Mr. Kevin Harrigan, Mr. Michael M. Roddy, Mr. Chris Ruhl, Mr. David W. Slayton, Ms. Kim Turner, and Mr. David H. Yamasaki

Members Absent: Judges: Hon. Lisa M. Rogan and Hon. David C. Kalemkarian

Others Present: Ms. Megan Ellis

ACTION BY EMAIL

As provided in the California Rules of Court, rule 10.75 (o)(1)(B), the chair concluded that prompt action was needed. This action by email concerned matters that would otherwise be discussed in an open meeting; therefore, in accordance with rule 10.75(o)(2), public notice and the proposal were posted on June 1, 2026, to allow at least one complete business day for public comment before the committee took action. No public comments were received.

ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1–2)

Item 1

Court-Appointed Juvenile Dependency Counsel Allocations for Fiscal Year 2026–27

Consideration of updated court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel allocations for fiscal year 2026–27.

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 business meeting on July 17, 2026:*

1. *Approve the fiscal year (FY) 2026–27 allocations for court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel allocations which reflect the results of the spending plan survey conducted in May 2026, as detailed in Attachment 1A, column H, including any needed technical adjustments and contingent on funding included in the final enacted budget.*

2. *Authorize Judicial Council staff to (1) conduct a midyear survey of trial courts in FY 2026–27 to assess projected court-appointed counsel expenditures and determine if any courts will not fully spend their allocations and how much funding is available to reallocate to courts that need additional resources, and (2) implement a reallocation of this funding based on the existing methodology to maximize the appropriation to serve children and families in dependency proceedings.*
3. *Direct Judicial Council staff to report the results of the FY 2026–27 reallocation at the time the Judicial Council considers the next year’s proposed allocations, ensuring transparency in how the funds were redistributed to meet program needs.*

Item 2

Court Interpreter Allocations for Fiscal Year 2026–27

Consideration of court interpreter allocations for FY 2026–27 to include the \$20 million augmentation included in the May Revision.

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 business meeting on July 17, 2026:*

1. *Approve the FY 2026–27 allocations for the court interpreter program, which reflect the \$20 million augmentation, as detailed in Attachment 2A, including any needed technical adjustments and contingent on funding included in the final enacted budget.*
Direct Judicial Council staff to conduct a midyear survey of trial courts in FY 2026–27 to identify court expenditures and any courts experiencing a shortfall for a potential reallocation of available funds, up to the appropriated amount.

CLOSURE OF ACTION

Voting closed at 5:11 p.m. on June 3, 2026.

Approved by the advisory body on August 27, 2026.