



Judicial Council of California

**TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING**

August 27, 2026

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Members Present: Judges: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin (Chair), Hon. Christopher R. Bowen, Hon. J. Eric Bradshaw, Hon. Judith K. Dulcich, Hon. Julie A. Emede, Hon. David C. Kalemkarian, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, Hon. Lisa M. Rogan, and Hon. Scott R. L. Young

Executive Officers: Ms. Rebecca Fleming (Vice-Chair), Ms. Kate Bieker, Ms. Stephanie Cameron, Mr. Jake Chatters, Mr. Kevin Harrigan, Mr. Michael M. Roddy, Mr. David W. Slayton, Ms. Kim Turner, and Mr. David H. Yamasaki

Members Absent: Hon. Judith C. Clark, Hon. Samantha P. Jessner, and Mr. Chad Finke

Others Present: Hon. Lawrence Brown (Liaison), Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Fran Mueller, Ms. Joleen Allgood, Mr. Jarret Yee, Ms. Jenny Clarke, and Ms. Megan Ellis

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 7, 2026, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) meeting, and the June 3, 2026, and July 30, 2026, actions by e-mail between meetings.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1–4)

Item 1

Involuntary Medication Orders (Senate Bill 820) Allocations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026–27 (Action Required)

Consideration of allocations to implement the new hearing process for involuntary medication orders established by Senate Bill 820 for FY 2026–27.

Action: TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the FY 2026–27 allocations to support trial courts in the implementation of Senate Bill 820 as described in Option 4 and shown in Attachment 1A, where 60

percent of the funding is allocated based on each trial court's incompetent to stand trial filing data and 40 percent of the funding is allocated based on each trial court's non-traffic misdemeanor filings, including a \$1,200 funding floor. This recommendation will be considered by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee and then the Judicial Council at its business meeting on October 16, 2026.

Item 2

Workload Formula Adjustment Request Process Update (Action Required)

Consideration of updates to Judicial Council instructions for submitting annual Workload Formula policy adjustment requests.

Action: *TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the proposed updates to the Workload Formula Adjustment Request Process Instructions as shown in Attachment 2A and delegate approval of changes to the submission instructions to the Judicial Council Budget Services director, given the changes do not change the policy. This recommendation will be considered by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee and then the Judicial Council at its business meeting on October 16, 2026.*

Item 3

Workload Formula Policy Base Funding Floor Adjustment Process (Action Required)

Consideration of potential changes to the Workload Formula base funding floor policy.

Action: *TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the change to the application of the Workload Formula policy's base funding floor adjustment when calculating annual allocations for the two funding floor courts by treating the base funding floor amount as a minimum floor. This will allow the floor courts to retain their full Workload Formula allocation calculated in years where that exceeds the floor, to ensure they have sufficient resources to meet essential operational needs and maintain minimum staffing levels.*

This recommendation will be considered by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee and then the Judicial Council at its business meeting on October 16, 2026.

Item 4

Funding Methodology Subcommittee Annual Work Plan (Action Required)

Consideration of updates to the Funding Methodology Subcommittee work plan for FY 2026–27.

Action: *TCBAC unanimously voted to approve the proposed updates to the Funding Methodology Subcommittee's annual work plan for FY 2026–27 as follows:*

1. Move Item 1 to FY 2026–27. 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;

2. Move Item 2 to FY 2026–27. Consider updates to the Trial Court Minimum Operating and Emergency Fund Balance Policy so that it better aligns with current financial realities and the reserve needs of the trial courts;

3. Move Item 3 to FY 2026–27. Evaluate the Workload Formula equity-based reallocation policy including technical refinements and clarification of the application of the existing methodology;

- 4. Remove Item 4. Evaluate the impact of the Resource Assessment Study data on the Workload Formula calculation and timing of implementation of new caseweights in the model is complete;*
- 5. Move Item 5 to FY 2026–27. Evaluate the impact of the Bureau of Labor Statistics factor on the Workload Formula calculation;*
- 6. Move Item 6 to FY 2026–27. Consider a revised allocation methodology for court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel funding to determine an appropriate and effective way to address challenges faced by the trial courts in providing quality representation for children and families;*
- 7. Retain 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 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.*

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 September 29, 2026.