

JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Administrative Office of the Courts
Malcolm M. Lucas Board Room
455 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California
February 24, 2006
8:30–11:10 a.m.
Open to the Public

AGENDA

- 8:30–8:40 a.m. **Public Comment Related to Trial Court Budget Issues***
[Subject to requests]
*This time is reserved for public comment on discussion agenda items relating to trial court budgets.
- 8:40–8:45 a.m. **Approval of Minutes**
November 4, 2005, and December 2, 2005,
business meetings
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- 8:45–9:00 a.m. **Judicial Council Committee Presentations**
Executive and Planning Committee
Hon. Richard D. Huffman, Chair
Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee
Hon. Marvin R. Baxter, Chair
Rules and Projects Committee
Hon. Suzanne N. Kingsbury, Chair
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- 9:00–9:10 a.m. **Administrative Director’s Report**
Mr. William C. Vickrey
Administrative Director of the Courts
- 9:10–9:15 a.m. **Chief Justice’s Report**
Chief Justice Ronald M. George will report on activities in which he has been involved since the last Judicial Council meeting.

Consent Agenda (Items 1–6)

(A council member who wishes to request that any item be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda is asked to please notify Sonya Smith at 415-865-7653 at least 48 hours before the meeting.)

Spring 2005 Rules and Projects Committee (RUPRO) cycle, which resulted in the wrong language being inserted into the rule. The form amendment would revise language on form JV-820 to assure consistency between the current rule and the form.

Staff: Ms. Audrey Fancy
Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Item 4 **Annual Report of Fiscal Year 2004–2005 Trial Court Expenditures (Action Required)**

AOC staff recommends that the council approve the annual report of fiscal year 2004–2005 Quarterly Financial Statement expenditures.

Staff: Mr. Stephen Nash
Finance Division

Item 5 **Court Facilities Planning: Five-Year Infrastructure Plan for Fiscal Year 2007–2008 (Action Required)**

AOC staff recommends adoption of the updated Five-Year Infrastructure Plan for Fiscal Year 2007–2008 for AOC and court facilities and submission of the updated plan to the Department of Finance, pursuant to Government Code section 70391. AOC staff also recommends delegation of authority to the Administrative Director of the Courts to make technical corrections to the Five-Year Infrastructure Plan, as necessary. Annual submission of an updated Five-Year Infrastructure Plan complements the state budget process for appropriating state funds for infrastructure.

Staff: Ms. Kelly Quinn Popejoy
Office of Court Construction and Management

Item 6 **Update of the Information Sheet on Waiver of Court Fees and Costs (revise form 982(a)(17)(A)) (Action Required)**

AOC staff recommends that the Judicial Council revise the *Information Sheet on Waiver of Court Fees and Costs* to reflect 2006 increases in the federal poverty guidelines. The information sheet provides monthly income figures on which a court may base a decision to grant in forma pauperis status.

Staff: Ms. Cara Vonk
Office of the General Counsel

Discussion Agenda (Items 7–10)

Item 7 **Judicial Branch Education: Recommendation for Judicial Education on Science and Technology (Action Required)**
9:15–9:35 a.m.

The Science and the Law Steering Committee recommends approval of guidelines for judicial education on science and technology. The recommendation directs the Science and the Law Education Committee, appointed by the Governing Committee of the Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER), to administer a statewide judicial education plan.

Presentation (10 minutes)

Speaker: Mr. Roderic Cathcart
 Education Division

Discussion/Council Action (10 minutes)

Item 8 **Judicial Council Advisory Committee Short-term Response Plans and Recommendations for Improving Public Trust and Confidence in the California Courts (No Action Required)**
9:35–10:10 a.m.

AOC staff will report on specific advisory committee projects, tasks, initiatives, endorsements, and recommendations for addressing the issues raised by the Judicial Council’s 2005 Public Trust and Confidence Survey.

Presentation (20 minutes)

Speakers: Mr. Ronald G. Overholt
 Chief Deputy Director
 Ms. Dianne Bolotte
 Executive Office Programs
 Mr. Jack Urquhart
 Executive Office Programs

Discussion/Council Action (15 minutes)

10:10–10:25 a.m. **Break**

Item 9 **Funding to Plan, Implement and Improve Self-Help Assistance**
10:25–10:40 a.m. **(No Action Required)**

AOC staff will report on initiatives to support the trial courts in planning, implementing, and improving assistance to self-represented litigants.

Presentation (10 minutes)

Speakers: Ms. Diane Nunn
 Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Mr. Stephen Nash
Finance Division
Ms. Kathleen T. Howard
Office of Governmental Affairs
Discussion/Council Action (5 minutes)

Item 10 **Update and Discussion of Pending Council Initiatives**
10:40–11:10 a.m. **(No Action Required)**

AOC staff will report on new and ongoing council initiatives in the following areas:

- Interpreters in Civil Cases
- Probate Conservatorships
- Domestic Violence Cases
- Foster Care
- Infrastructure Review

Presentation (10 minutes)

Speakers: Mr. Ronald G. Overholt
 Chief Deputy Director
 Ms. Christine Patton
 Bay Area/Northern Coastal Regional Office
 Ms. Kathleen T. Howard
 Office of Governmental Affairs
 Mr. Stephen Nash
 Finance Division
 Ms. Diane Nunn
 Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Discussion/Council Action (20 minutes)

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Annual Report of Fiscal Year 2004–2005 Court Reporter Fees Collected

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