



Judicial Council of California  
Court Facilities Advisory Committee

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COURT FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

September 25, 2023

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Public Videocast

**Advisory Body Members Present:** Hon. Brad R. Hill, Chair  
Hon. Patricia M. Lucas (Ret.), Vice-Chair  
Hon. JoAnn M. Bicego  
Hon. Donald Cole Byrd  
Mr. Anthony P. Capozzi  
Hon. Robert. D. Foiles  
Ms. Melissa Fowler-Bradley  
Hon. William F. Highberger  
Hon. Patricia L. Kelly  
Ms. Krista LeVier  
Hon. Gary R. Orozco  
Hon. David Edwin Power (Ret.)  
Mr. Lee Seale  
Mr. Larry Spikes  
Mr. Thomas J. Warwick, Jr.

**Advisory Body Members Absent:** Hon. Steven E. Jahr (Ret.)  
Hon. Robert J. Trentacosta

**Others Present:** The following Judicial Council staff/others were present:

Hon. David C. Kalemkarian, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Fresno County  
Ms. Dawn Annino, Court Executive Officer, Superior Court of Fresno County  
Mr. Alan Bright, Design Principal, HOK

Hon. Pamela L. Butler, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Monterey County  
Mr. Chris Ruhl, Court Executive Officer, Superior Court of Monterey County  
Mr. John Zorich, Criteria Architect Project Manager, Dreyfuss + Blackford Architecture  
Mr. Kris Barkley, Principal, Dreyfuss + Blackford Architecture

Hon. Wendy Getty, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Solano County  
Mr. Brian Taylor, Court Executive Officer, Superior Court of Solano County  
Mr. David Crotty, Vice President/Principal, Nelson Worldwide

Mr. Tamer Ahmed, Deputy Director, Judicial Council Facilities Services  
Mr. Robert Carlson, Manager, Judicial Council Facilities Services  
Mr. Jack Collins, Manager, Judicial Council Facilities Services  
Mr. Adam Dorsey, Chief Administrative Officer, Judicial Council Executive Office  
Mr. Zulqar Helal, Acting Manager, Judicial Council Facilities Services  
Mr. James Koerner, Senior Facilities Analyst, Judicial Council Facilities Services  
Ms. Samara Lull, Senior Project Manager, Judicial Council Facilities Services  
Mr. Chris Magnusson, Supervisor, Judicial Council Facilities Services  
Ms. Pella McCormick, Director, Judicial Council Facilities Services  
Mr. Bruce Newman, Senior Facilities Analyst, Judicial Council Facilities Services  
Ms. Deepika Padam, Manager, Judicial Council Facilities Services  
Ms. Akilah Robinson, Associate Analyst, Judicial Council Facilities Services  
Mr. Jagandeep Singh, Principal Manager, Judicial Council Facilities Services  
Ms. Maggie Stern, Attorney II, Judicial Council Legal Services  
Ms. Sadie Varela, Facilities Analyst, Judicial Council Facilities Services  
Mr. John Wordlaw, Chief Administrative Officer, Judicial Council Executive Office

**OPEN MEETING**

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**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM, introductions were made, roll was taken, and Assistant Presiding Judge Patricia L. Kelly was welcomed as a new member of the committee.

**Public Videocast**

A live videocast of the meeting was made available to the public through the advisory body web page on the California Courts website listed above.

**Approval of Minutes**

The advisory committee voted—with abstention of members absent from the meetings and exceptions of judges Donald Cole Byrd and William F. Highberger, Ex-Officio non-voting members—to approve the minutes of the Court Facilities Advisory Committee (CFAC) meetings held on June 27 and August 24, 2023. (*Motion: Fowler-Bradley; Second: Power*)

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**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1–4)**

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**Item 1****Monterey – New Fort Ord Courthouse: Site Acquisition Review**

**Summary:** The CFAC received a presentation of the capital project’s Site Acquisition, which was a scheduled milestone review. Previously at its public meeting in April 2022, the CFAC reviewed and approved the Site Selection for the five-acre parcel on the Main Gate site in the City of Seaside. As required, Judicial Council Facilities Services returned to present site acquisition details for direction prior to requesting State Public Works Board (SPWB) review and approval.

Mr. Jagan Singh presented this item consistent with the materials (Tab 3) for Item 1 of the agenda, which were posted online for public viewing in advance of the meeting and available at [www.courts.ca.gov/documents/cfac-20230925-materials.pdf](http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/cfac-20230925-materials.pdf). Following his presentation, Presiding Judge Pamela L. Butler, Superior Court of Monterey County, stated the court is honored to have been selected to receive a new courthouse, wholeheartedly agrees with staff’s recommendation for the project, and thanks the CFAC for its time reviewing the project.

In addition, the advisory committee made the following comments:

- With the changing dynamics of how utilities are purchasing solar power or not purchasing it and at what price, if a commitment has not yet been made to include a solar array over the parking lot, then it was suggested it should be proposed rather than required. In response, Mr. Singh stated that with the state and Legislature’s push toward green energy and more sustainable construction, including such an array was a condition of the project’s approval from the California Department of Finance. He also noted that the installation of solar panels will serve to reduce greenhouse gas emissions required from the project’s review under the California Environmental Quality Act.

**Action:** The advisory committee—with the abstentions of judges Donald Cole Byrd and William F. Highberger, Ex-Officio non-voting members—voted to approve the following motion:

1. Recommend this project is submitted to the SPWB for site acquisition approval.

*(Motion: Lucas; Second: Warwick)*

## Item 2

### **Solano – New Solano Hall of Justice (Fairfield): Site Selection Review**

**Summary:** The CFAC received a presentation of the capital project’s Site Selection, which was a scheduled milestone review and included both the preferred Existing Hall of Justice and alternate Old Solano Courthouse Parking Lot sites in downtown Fairfield.

Consistent with the materials (Tab 4) for Item 2 of the agenda, which were posted online for public viewing in advance of the meeting and available at [www.courts.ca.gov/documents/cfac-20230925-materials.pdf](http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/cfac-20230925-materials.pdf), Ms. Samara Lull introduced this item and presented slides 1–6 and 20, and Mr. David Crotty presented slides 7–19.

**Action:** The advisory committee—with the abstentions of Judge David Edwin Power and judges Donald Cole Byrd and William F. Highberger, Ex-Officio non-voting members—voted to approve the following motion:

1. Recommend this project is submitted to the SPWB for site selection approval and returns for future review/approval of site acquisition.

*(Motion: Highberger; Second: Foiles)*

## Item 3

### **Fresno – New Fresno Courthouse: Site Selection Review**

**Summary:** The CFAC received a presentation of the capital project’s Site Selection, which was a scheduled milestone review and included both the preferred Courthouse Park–Fresno Street and alternate Courthouse Park–Van Ness Avenue sites in downtown Fresno.

Consistent with the materials (Tab 5) for Item 3 of the agenda, which were posted online for public viewing in advance of the meeting and available at [www.courts.ca.gov/documents/cfac-20230925-materials.pdf](http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/cfac-20230925-materials.pdf), Ms. Samara Lull introduced this item and presented slides 1–7 and 20, and Mr. Alan Bright presented slides 8–19. Ms. Lull noted that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors is supportive of both the preferred and alternate sites (as evidenced by the resolution attached to the report under meeting materials Tab 5B). Following his presentation, Presiding Judge David C. Kalemkarian, Superior Court of Fresno County, stated that the court is honored to have been selected to receive a new courthouse, that the Project Advisory Group has been working very well with Judicial Council staff and the project team, and that the court looks forward to continued progress on the project including the hope today’s recommendation for the project will be approved. Ms. Dawn Annino, Court Executive Officer of the Superior Court of Fresno County, also thanked the project team.

In addition, the advisory committee made the following comments:

- If the preferred site is used for project, is there a loss of underground parking? In response, Ms. Lull stated that the underground parking lies beneath the open-air plaza (to the rear of the existing courthouse off M Street) and that neither the preferred site nor alternate site would impact this existing underground parking.
- Would there be disruption to the court's existing operations with use of the preferred site? Ms. Lull stated there would be no disruption to the court's operations in the existing courthouse except some impact to the transport of in-custody defendants during the construction phase. She noted that Judicial Council staff has already begun speaking with the Sheriff and the county about ways mitigate this issue.
- The CFAC Chair noted the cost savings benefit the preferred site provides regarding the best ability to connect to the county's main jail through the existing underground tunnel system.

**Action:** The advisory committee—with the abstentions of Judge Gary R. Orozco and judges Donald Cole Byrd and William F. Highberger, Ex-Officio non-voting members—voted to approve the following motion:

1. Recommend this project is submitted to the SPWB for site selection approval and returns for future review/approval of site acquisition.

*(Motion: Capozzi; Second: Warwick)*

#### Item 4

##### Director's Report (No Action – Information Only)

**Summary:** The CFAC received an update from Ms. Pella McCormick on the following topics:

##### September 2023 Judicial Council Meeting:

- Based on recommendations of the CFAC and its Subcommittee on Courthouse Names, the Judicial Council approved the names of two courthouses at its public meeting on September 19, 2023:
  - The existing courthouse for the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Three, in the City of Santa Ana was named the *Cruz Reynoso Courthouse*; and
  - The new courthouse currently under construction in downtown Sacramento for the Superior Court of Sacramento County was named the *Tani Cantil-Sakauye Sacramento County Courthouse*.

##### Courthouses Under Construction:

- The following updates were conveyed:
  - The Imperial—New El Centro Courthouse project received its Certificate of Occupancy on September 5, 2023, and is expected to open to the public in January 2024.
  - The Glenn—Renovate and Addition to Willows Courthouse project is expected to receive its Certificate of Occupancy by the end of the week.
  - The Shasta—New Redding Courthouse project is expected to receive its Certificate of Occupancy by the end of October 2023.

- The Riverside—New Indio Juvenile and Family Courthouse was impacted by last month's Hurricane Hilary, causing damage to construction trenches and rebar throughout the building. An insurance claim, through the builder's risk insurance, will be pursued to cover the losses. Replacement costs and schedule impacts are being determined and are still unknown.

**Action:** The advisory committee took no action, as this item had only been presented for informational purposes.

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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 2:00 p.m.