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TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

August 5, 2015

1:05 p.m. to 4:19 p.m.

Judicial Council of California, 2860 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 400, Sacramento

**Advisory Body Members Present:** Judges: Laurie M. Earl (Chair), Thomas Borris, Jonathan Conklin, Mark A. Cope, Thomas DeSantos, Barry Goode, Dodie Harmon, Lesley Holland, Elizabeth W. Johnson, Carolyn Kuhl, Paul Marigonda (phone), Cynthia Ming-mei Lee, Marsha Slough, and Winifred Younge Smith

Executive Officers: Alan Carlson, Sherri R. Carter, Jake Chatters, Richard D. Feldstein, Kimberly Flener, Jose Guillén, Shawn C. Landry, Stephen Nash, Deborah Norrie, Michael M. Roddy, Mary Beth Todd, Kim Turner, Christine M. Volkers, and David Yamasaki

Judicial Council staff advisory members: Jody Patel, Curt Soderlund, and Zlatko Theodorovic

**Advisory Body Members Absent:** Judges: Gregory Gaul

**Others Present:** Judges: Daniel J. Buckley, Harold W. Hopp, and Glenda Sanders  
Judicial Council staff: Steven Chang, Lucy Fogarty, Colin Simpson, and Leah Rose-Goodwin

OPEN MEETING

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm and roll was taken.

**Approval of Minutes**

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the July 6, 2015 meeting.

**Public Comment**

None.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

**Item 1 - 2015–2016 Allocations from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund (Action Item)**

The TCBCAC unanimously adopted the following as recommendations for the Judicial Council:

1. Augment by \$5.509 million the Telecommunications Support (LAN/WAN) program's 2015–2016 allocation of \$10.65 million. The \$5.509 million will be spent as proposed in the Budget Change Proposal (BCP) submitted to the Department of Finance. The funding comes from a \$5.509 million augmentation to the General Fund transfer to the IMF, as proposed by the BCP submitted by the Judicial Council.
2. Augment by \$145,600 on a one-time basis the California Courts Protective Order Registry program's 2015–2016 allocation of \$715,600 for California Law Enforcement Telecommunications Systems software and infrastructure (CCTC CLETS Infrastructure, \$77,000; DOJ Telecommunications, \$10,214; and DataMax/Omnixx CLETS Support, \$58,346) without which the CCPOR program cannot continue operations.
3. Reduce by \$375,186 on a one-time basis the Phoenix program's 2015–2016 allocation of \$12,496,300,
4. Reduce by \$1,952,231 on a one-time basis the California Courts Technology Center program's 2015–2016 allocation of \$10,487,200,
5. Reduce by \$2,388,360 on a one-time basis the Enterprise Policy and Planning program's 2015–2016 allocation of \$5,220,500, which would entail split funding the current Oracle contract (i.e., pay the contract from different fiscal years' appropriations),
6. Require JCC staff to provide an annual report by September 30th of each year to TCBAC of outstanding encumbrances for all programs funded from the TCTF or IMF that support the trial courts. The report should identify the amount of each encumbrance, the purpose of the encumbrance, the name of the vendor/contractor for which the funds are encumbered, the equipment or services related to each encumbrance, and estimated timeframes for expenditure or disencumbrance, and
7. Require JCC staff to provide an updated encumbrance report by March 31st of each year to TCBAC, containing the same information as the September report. This report should update the TCBAC on the status of encumbrances contained in the September report as well as any new encumbrances that have occurred since the previous September. This updated information will be considered by the TCBAC as it undertakes its review of funds available to support trial court activities in the next Fiscal Year.

### **Item 3 - Prioritization of Trial Court Budget Change Proposals for Fiscal Year 2016–2017 (Action Item)**

The TCBAC approved recommending that the Judicial Council submit seven Budget Change Proposals and prioritized them as follows:

1. Funding for trial courts equal to 10 percent of the Workload-Based Allocation and Funding Methodology estimated funding need (\$238 million) and cost-of-living adjustment for trial court employees consistent with increases provided to Executive Branch employees (\$71 million)
2. Court-appointed dependency counsel (\$22 million)
3. New Judgeships (AB 159) (\$TBD)

4. Implementation of Language Access Plan (\$TBD)
5. V3 Court Case Management System Replacement (\$TBD)
6. Funding for Court-Provided Security (\$TBD)
7. Courthouse Operations Costs (\$TBD)

Priorities #1, #5, and #7 were unanimously approved. Priorities #2 and #3 were approved by a vote of 15 to 12.

**Item 6 - Open Discussion (Discussion Item)**

Jake Chatters suggested that the TCBAC add the revision of California Rules of Courts 10.620(f) as an agenda item for a future TCBAC meeting.

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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 4:19 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on November 24, 2015.