

# TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

# MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

February 9, 2017 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

JCC Boardroom, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102

Advisory Body Members Present:

Judges: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin (Chair), Hon. Jeffrey B. Barton (phone), Hon. Andrew S. Blum (phone), Hon. Mark Ashton Cope (phone), Hon. Laurie M. Earl (phone), Hon. James E. Herman, Hon. Joyce D. Hinrichs, Hon. Elizabeth W. Johnson (phone), Hon. Ira R. Kaufman (phone), Hon. Paul M. Marigonda (phone), Hon. Brian L. McCabe (phone), and Hon. Glenda Sanders (phone).

Executive Officers: Ms. Sherri R. Carter (phone), Mr. Jake Chatters (phone), Ms. Rebecca Fleming (phone), Mr. W. Samuel Hamrick, Jr., Mr. Kevin Harrigan (phone), Mr. Michael M. Roddy (phone), Ms. Linda Romero-Soles (phone), Ms.

Tania Ugrin-Capobianco (phone), and Mr. David Yamasaki (phone).

Judicial Council staff advisory members: Mr. John Wordlaw and Mr. Zlatko

Theodorovic.

Advisory Body

Judges: Hon. Carolyn B. Kuhl

Members Absent: Executive Officers: Mr. Jeffrey E. Lewis, Mr. Michael D. Planet, and Mr. Brian

Taylor.

Others Present: Ms. Brandy Sanborn, Mr. Patrick Ballard, Ms. Natalie Daniel, Mr. Catrayel

Wood, and Ms. Suzanne Blihovde.

#### OPEN MEETING

#### Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Members and Judicial Council staff introduced themselves.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the December 12, 2016 Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) meeting.

## DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-6)

## Item 1 – Governor's Budget Proposal for FY 2017–2018 (Discussion Item)

Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Director, Judicial Council Budget Services presented information on the Governor's Proposed Budget for FY 2017–2018.

Action: This was a discussion item with no action taken.

## Item 2 - Children's Waiting Room Policy (Action Item)

Ms. Suzanne Blihovde, Senior Budget Analyst, Judicial Council Budget Services presented information on the *Children's Waiting Room (CWR) Distribution and Fund Balance Policy* per recommendation by the Fiscal Planning Subcommittee.

Action: The members of the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee unanimously voted to approve the following option:

To extend the review and adjustment of CWR fund balances to a biennial schedule (ending in odd-numbered years) allowing courts the opportunity to better plan with a set fund balance cap spanning two fiscal years, and added an annual reporting requirement for courts that retain excess funding for Multiyear contracts to be developed by Judicial Council staff.

## Item 3 - Prioritization of Trial Court Budget Change Proposals for 2018 - 2019 (Action Item)

Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Chair, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee presented information on the trial court funding priorities for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Change Proposals.

Action: The members of the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee unanimously voted to approve the following Budget Change Proposals:

- 1. Civil Assessment Revenue and Maintenance Of Effort Buyout Stabilization
- 2. Court Appointed Dependency Counsel
- 3. Support for Trial Court Operations
  - I. Funding for Inflationary Cost Increases to Maintain Services
  - II. Funding to Support Continued Progress to 100 percent of the Workload-Based Allocation Funding Methodology (WAFM)
- III. Funding for Trial Court Employee Compensation
- IV. Funding for New Mandates
- 4. New Judgeships

The member also unanimously votes to approve the following placeholders for determination by the appropriate advisory committees:

- 5. Information Technology
- 6. Facilities (Building and Deferred Maintenance)

## **A** DJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on April 13, 2017.