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TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

July 16, 2020

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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**Advisory Body Members Present:** Judges: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin (Chair), Hon. Jeffrey B. Barton, Hon. Daniel J. Buckley, Hon. Mark A. Cope, Hon. Jill C. Fannin, Hon. Kimberly Gaab, Hon. Joyce D. Hinrichs, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, and Hon. Deborah A. Ryan

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**Advisory Body Members Absent:** Hon. Charles Margines and Hon. B. Scott Thomsen.

**Others Present:** Mr. John Wordlaw, Ms. Fran Mueller, Ms. Leah Rose-Goodwin, Ms. Kristin Greenaway, Ms. Brandy Olivera, Ms. Michele Allan, Mr. Nick Armstrong, and Mr. Catrayel Wood.

OPEN MEETING

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The chair welcomed the members and called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. and took roll call.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-2)

**Item 1 - Trial Court Usage of Pension Prefunding Trust Funds (Action Required)**

Consideration of the impact of trial court participation in a pension prefunding trust fund.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Ms. Michele Allan, Supervisor, Budget Services

**Action:** TCBAC unanimously voted to further research the cost benefit impact for developing a recommendation regarding potential trial court participation in the California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust (CEPPT) program for consideration by the Judicial Council at a future business meeting.

**Item 2 - Annual Funding Methodology Subcommittee (FMS) Work Plan Update (Action Required)**

Consideration of an FMS recommendation to update and prioritize the items on the annual work plan.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Ms. Brandy Olivera, Manager, Budget Services

**Action:** TCBAC unanimously voted to approve updates to the annual work plan recommended by the FMS and Budget Services staff as follows:

1. Mark items 1 and 2 as complete once recommendations are approved by the Judicial Council at its July 24, 2020 business meeting.
2. Mark items 3, 5, and 6 as complete.
3. Add an item to 2019-20 to initiate an ad hoc subcommittee to reevaluate the cluster system and floor funding.
4. Move remaining 2019-20 items 4 and the ad hoc subcommittee addition to fiscal year 2020-21.

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**INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (INFO 1 - 3)**

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**Info 1 - Budget Act of 2020**

Discussion of the funding provided for trial courts in the Budget Act of 2020.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Mr. John Wordlaw, Chief Administrative Officer, Judicial Council

**Action:** No action taken.

**Info 2 - 2020-21 Self-Help Annual Update**

Annual update of the three-year average census data from the California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, and Population estimates for Cities and Counties and the State.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Mr. Nick Armstrong, Senior Research Analyst, Business Management Services

**Action:** No action taken.

**Info 3 - Trial Court Trust Fund Funds Held on Behalf Expenditure Reporting**

Report to TCBAC on how funds were expended for projects and planned expenditures that are complete.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Mr. Catrayel Wood, Senior Analyst, Budget Services

**Action:** No action taken.

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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 12:40 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on August 12, 2020.