



Judicial Council of California

Meeting Minutes

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Friday, December 12, 2025

10:00 AM

San Francisco

CLOSED SESSION (RULE 10.6(b))—PLANNING, PERSONNEL, AND DISCUSSION PROTECTED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero, Chair of the Judicial Council, called the closed session to order at 9:15 a.m.

OPEN SESSION (RULE 10.6(a))—MEETING AGENDA

Attendance

Council Members

- Present:** 26 - Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero, Justice Carol A. Corrigan, Administrative Presiding Justice Brad R. Hill, Justice Stacy Boulware Eurie, Justice Joan K. Irion, Presiding Judge Bunmi O. Awoniyi, Presiding Judge Maureen F. Hallahan, Presiding Judge Maria D. Hernandez, Presiding Judge Patricia L. Kelly, Presiding Judge Tamara L. Wood, Assistant Presiding Judge Ricardo R. Ocampo, Judge Charles S. Crompton, Judge Judith K. Dulcich, Judge Jeffrey C. Kauffman, Judge Ann C. Moorman, Judge Michael Rhoads, Commissioner Ryan Davis, Senator Thomas J. Umberg, Ms. Kate Bieker, Ms. Rachel W. Hill, Mr. Charles Johnson, Ms. Gretchen M. Nelson, Mr. Darrel E. Parker, Mr. Craig M. Peters, Mr. David W. Slayton, and Ms. Dena Stone
- Absent:** 2 - Judge Maria Lucy Armendariz, and Assembly Member Ash Kalra

Call to Order

Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero, Chair of the Judicial Council, called the open session to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Judicial Council Board Room.

Public Comment

Written comments were provided to the council members and filed in the record. Mr. Kai On and Ms. Venus Gist addressed the council on general matters of judicial administration. Mr. Ignacio Hernandez addressed the council on items 25-041, Trial Courts | Trial Court Trust Fund Funds Held on Behalf of the Trial Courts for Fiscal Year 2024-25, 25-177, Report to the Legislature |

California Court Interpreter Workforce Study, and 25-184, Judicial Council | 2026 Legislative Priorities.

Chief Justice's Report

Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero reported on her activities since the last council meeting.

Administrative Director's Report

[25-005](#)

Administrative Director's Report

Administrative Director Michelle Curran reported on some of the many activities Judicial Council staff engaged in to further the council's strategic goals and priorities for the judicial branch since the last business meeting, exclusive of items on the December meeting agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion to approve all of the following items on the Consent Agenda was made by Judge Moorman and seconded by Ms. Nelson; Senator Umberg abstained from items 25-036 and 25-187. The motion was adopted.

[25-010](#)

Minutes of October 24, 2025, Judicial Council Meeting

[25-182](#)

Allocations and Reimbursements to Trial Courts | Fiscal Year 2025-26 Increased Transcript Rate Allocations (Action Required)

Summary: Senate Bill 170 (Stats. 2021, ch. 240), which amended the Budget Act of 2021, included \$7 million ongoing General Fund for the Judicial Council to establish a methodology to allocate the funding to all trial courts to cover the costs associated with increased transcript rates. The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approving a proportional allocation based on the current council-approved methodology of the ongoing \$7 million to all trial courts to cover the costs associated with increased transcript rates for fiscal year 2025-26.

Recommendation: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council approve the \$7 million allocation to each trial court as outlined in Attachment A.

[25-158](#)

Judicial Administration | Judicial Branch Contracting Manual (Action Required)

Summary: Under rule 10.63(c) of the California Rules of Court, the Advisory Committee on Audits and Financial Accountability for the Judicial Branch proposes revising the *Judicial Branch Contracting Manual (JBCM)* to add provisions regarding generative artificial intelligence so that the *JBCM* will remain substantially similar to

the *State Contracting Manual* and *State Administrative Manual*, as required by the Judicial Branch Contract Law. In addition, the committee's proposal to revise the *JBCM* aligns with the judicial branch's efforts to address the emerging technology of generative artificial intelligence.

Recommendation: The Advisory Committee on Audits and Financial Accountability for the Judicial Branch recommends that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2026, adopt proposed revisions to the *Judicial Branch Contracting Manual*.

[25-126](#)

Judicial Council Administration | Judicial Council Conflict of Interest Code (Action Required)

Summary: In accordance with Government Code sections 87303 and 87306, the *Conflict of Interest Code for the Judicial Council of California* must be updated "when change is necessitated by changed circumstances, including the creation of new positions." (Gov. Code, § 87306.) The council must review the proposed amendment to the code and approve the code as amended or direct that it be further revised and resubmitted for approval. Judicial Council staff propose amendments to the code to expand the list of job classifications requiring economic interest disclosure to encompass the Building Official, Compliance Architect, Data Scientist, and Facilities AV Systems Specialist positions. This proposal would also amend category 7, Decision-Making Authority Affecting Real Property and Management, to include the requirement to disclose interests in real property, which is applicable to all classifications within this category. Additionally, this amendment includes minor copyediting corrections for grammar and clarification that do not change the scope of the code.

Recommendation: Judicial Council staff recommend that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2026, amend *Conflict of Interest Code for the Judicial Council of California* as follows:

1. Add "Building Official" (Appendix B, section 3), reporting requirement category 1b. The Building Official is responsible for providing high-level management oversight of multiple units involved in the most complex, specialized, and sensitive functional areas, allocating resources through the Architecture/Engineering Supervisor and other Facilities Supervisors as assigned.
2. Add "Compliance Architect" (Appendix B, section 3), reporting requirement category 7. The Compliance Architect is responsible for providing review of architectural plans, designs, codes, and standards to ensure technical effectiveness and code compliance for new construction and modification projects. Incumbents work directly with regulatory agencies and exercise independent judgment in implementing policies, procedures, and standards.
3. Add "Data Scientist" (Appendix B, section 3), reporting requirement category 5. The Data Scientist holds the same supervisory decision-making and recommending authority regarding the classification's functional area. This classification should therefore be included in the code as a classification

required to disclose a statement of economic interest.

4. Add “Facilities AV Systems Specialist” (Appendix B, section 3), assigned disclosure category 3. The Facilities AV Systems Specialist is responsible for administering the procurement and solicitation processes for audiovisual systems and providing oversight of the work of contracted staff.
5. Add a reporting requirement to Appendix C, category 7, to include financial interests in real property.
6. Change the revision date to 2026 and make other minor copyediting corrections.

[25-036](#)

Judicial Council-Sponsored Legislation | Alternative Methods for Family Courts to Give Notice of Child Custody Mediation (Action Required)

Summary: The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2027, sponsor legislation to amend Family Code section 3176 to allow for alternative methods for the court to give notice to the parties about child custody mediation and require specific content in the notice for cases involving domestic violence. The proposal originates from a group of Family Court Services directors across the state seeking to modernize the procedures for providing notice of child custody mediation by more cost-effective methods, including electronic delivery.

Recommendation: The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council sponsor legislation to amend Family Code section 3176(b) and (c), effective January 1, 2027, to allow for alternative methods for the court to give notice to the parties about child custody mediation and require specific content in the notice for cases involving domestic violence.

[25-187](#)

Judicial Council-Sponsored Legislation | Collections-Related Statutes (Action Required)

Summary: The Judicial Branch Budget Committee recommends that the Judicial Council sponsor legislation to amend Penal Code section 1463.007 and Government Code section 68514 to improve compliance with the annual reporting requirements to the Legislature and the Department of Finance regarding court-ordered debt collections. The proposed amendments will help the court and county collections programs comply with existing requirements and report consistent statewide data. The proposed changes will be used in the fiscal year 2026-27 reporting period and reflected in the annual report due by December 31, 2027.

Recommendation: The Judicial Branch Budget Committee recommends that the Judicial Council:

1. Sponsor legislation, effective January 1, 2027, to:
 - a. Amend Penal Code section 1463.007 to clearly identify the collection entities that collections programs may use to collect delinquent debt, including the use of the three entities currently listed as possible collection

activities. The amendments also remove one activity that is no longer authorized and add the use of administrative offsets to collect debt as a potential activity. As a result, the number of potential collection activities is reduced from 16 to 13, and the total number of required activities is reduced from 10 to 8. The proposed amendments also update the terminology to reflect current collection practices, among other revisions.

- b. Amend Government Code section 68514 to change the requirements to report the total amount collected, total number of cases, and total operating costs by collection activity to reporting by collection entity. These entities include the courts, counties, the Franchise Tax Board, private agencies, and other entities. Other changes include minor technical edits to mirror the proposed language in Penal Code section 1463.007.
2. Direct Judicial Council staff to make technical changes to the Collections Reporting Template and other corresponding documents in response to any approved amendments to statute.

[25-175](#)

Jury Instructions | Civil Jury Instructions (Release 48) (Action Required)

Summary: The Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions recommends approval of new and revised civil jury instructions and verdict forms prepared by the committee. Among other things, these changes bring the instructions up to date with developments in the law over the previous six months. Upon Judicial Council approval, the instructions will be published in the official 2026 edition of the *Judicial Council of California Civil Jury Instructions*.

Recommendation: The Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions recommends that the Judicial Council, effective December 12, 2025, approve for publication under rules 2.1050 and 10.58 of the California Rules of Court:

1. Revisions to 35 instructions and verdict forms: CACI Nos. 113, 470, 471, 472, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2512, 2521A, 2521B, 2521C, 2522A, 2522B, 2522C, 2527, 2528, 2540, 2547, 2548, 2549, VF-2500, VF-2501, VF-2506A, VF-2507A, VF-2515, 2720, 2721, 3060, 3061, VF-3030, VF-3031, 4302, 4303, 4320, and 4323;
2. Revisions to CACI No. 4106 and renumbering of it as CACI No. 4106A; and
3. Addition of 2 instructions: CACI Nos. 4106B and 4350.

[25-178](#)**Rules and Forms | Civil Practice and Procedure: Judgment Debtor Address Verification and Calculation of Earnings Withholding Period (Action Required)**

Summary: Assembly Bill 774 (Stats. 2025, ch. 708), enacted October 13, 2025, makes several changes to the laws regarding enforcement of judgment, including a change to the start of the withholding period for earnings withholding orders. Judicial Council staff recommend revising eight Judicial Council forms to ensure they correctly state the law when AB 774 becomes effective on January 1, 2026. These revisions will be circulated for postapproval public comment as part of a larger proposal to implement AB 774.

Recommendation: Judicial Council staff recommend that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2026:

1. Revise the following forms to reflect changes made by AB 774 to the address verification requirement in Code of Civil Procedure section 684.130:
 - *Writ of Execution* (form EJ-130)
 - *Employee Instructions* (form WG-003)
 - *Declaration of Address Verification* (form WG-015/EJ-135)
 - *Application to Stay Levy or Garnishment* (form WG-017/EJ-137)
2. Revise the following forms to reflect the change made by AB 774 to the start of the withholding period for earnings withholding orders:
 - *Earnings Withholding Order* (form WG-002)
 - *Earnings Withholding Order for Support* (form WG-004)
 - *Earnings Withholding Order for Taxes* (form WG-022)
 - *Earnings Withholding Order for Elder or Dependent Adult Financial Abuse* (form WG-030)

[25-190](#)**Rules and Forms | Family Law: Certification and Use of Computer Software Used to Assist in Determining Support (Action Required)**

Summary: The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council amend rule 5.275 of the California Rules of Court, which provides standards for computer software that assist in determining child and spousal support. This action is necessary to prevent the courts from losing the ability to timely and accurately calculate guideline child support in actions involving the local child support agency when the California Child Support Guideline Calculator, which is developed by the Department of Child Support Services, has had its certification revoked or the calculator is determined by Judicial Council staff to be inaccessible. The recommended changes would also give the Judicial Council the ability to revoke the certification of a calculator before the annual March 31 expiration date if a calculator's certification cannot be timely renewed during an out-of-cycle review requested by council staff.

Recommendation: The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council amend rule 5.275 of the California Rules of Court, effective December 13, 2025, and to become ineffective on January 1, 2026, to:

1. Authorize the Judicial Council to revoke the certification of a calculator if the developer fails to submit the calculator, as requested by the council, for review and testing to ensure its accuracy; and
2. Allow the parties, attorneys, and court to use an alternate support calculator in all actions involving the local child support agency when the certification of the Department of Child Support Services' California Child Support Guideline Calculator (DCSS Calculator) has been revoked or Judicial Council staff determines that the DCSS Calculator is inaccessible for use.

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee also recommends that the Judicial Council amend rule 5.275 of the California Rules of Court, effective January 1, 2026, to:

1. Incorporate all the changes recommended above that will be effective from December 13, 2025, to January 1, 2026; and
2. Incorporate the revisions approved at the October 24, 2025, Judicial Council meeting to take effect on January 1, 2026.

[25-043](#)

Trial Court Budget | Fiscal Year 2024-25 Final Adjustments for Year-End Fund Balances (Action Required)

Summary: The Judicial Council is required to finalize annual allocations to the trial courts in January of each fiscal year to ensure compliance with statutory limitations on the amount of reserves that courts can carry over to the next fiscal year. As the last step in determining final allocations for fiscal year 2024-25, a one-time allocation reduction of \$2.9 million is proposed for those courts that are above the required 3 percent fund balance cap after all allowable adjustments to their operating budgets. Maintaining an allowable fund balance consistent with statutory requirements will assist the trial courts in effectively managing limited resources to support court operations.

Recommendation: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective December 12, 2025, approve the final year-end fund balance reduction of \$2.9 million for fiscal year 2024-25. The \$2.9 million represents a total reduction of \$20.6 million above the fund balance cap, which is offset by \$17.7 million in applicable funds held on behalf of the trial courts.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

[25-042](#)

Trial Court Budget | Children’s Waiting Room Fund Balance Cap Adjustments (Action Required)

Summary: Under Judicial Council policy, trial court fund balances that support the operation of children’s waiting rooms throughout the state are reviewed on a biennial basis to ensure compliance with fund balance requirements. The Fiscal Planning Subcommittee of the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends the Judicial Council approve (1) a reduction of \$1.7 million for nine trial courts that have children’s waiting room fund balances exceeding the allowable cap in fiscal year 2024-25 and (2) fund balance cap adjustments totaling \$5.2 million for five trial courts. The fund balance adjustments will allow the trial courts to continue to operate their children’s waiting rooms and provide critical services to children and families.

Recommendation: The Fiscal Planning Subcommittee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective December 12, 2025:

1. Reduce \$1.7 million from nine trial courts that have children’s waiting room fund balances exceeding the allowable cap in fiscal year 2024-25; and
2. Approve fund balance cap adjustments of \$5.2 million for the following five trial courts in fiscal year 2024-25:
 - Superior Court of Los Angeles County - \$3.6 million
 - Superior Court of Riverside County - \$328,000
 - Superior Court of San Bernardino County - \$272,000
 - Superior Court of Santa Barbara County - \$488,000
 - Superior Court of Santa Clara County - \$480,000

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Justice Irion and seconded by Presiding Judge Hernandez. The motion was adopted.

[25-041](#)

Trial Courts | Trial Court Trust Fund Funds Held on Behalf of the Trial Courts for Fiscal Year 2024-25 (Action Required)

Summary: The Fiscal Planning Subcommittee of the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approval of requests from trial courts for the fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 annual submission cycle for the Trial Court Trust Fund Funds Held on Behalf of the Trial Courts program. Under the Judicial Council’s approved process, a court may request that reduced allocations related to the fund balance cap be retained in the Trial Court Trust Fund for the benefit of that court. Twenty-five courts submitted 57 requests--38 new and 19 amended--for a total of \$44 million in the FY 2024-25 submission cycle. The requests will allow the courts to meet contractual obligations and fund necessary court projects or purchases.

Recommendation: The Fiscal Planning Subcommittee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective December 12, 2025:

1. Approve a total of 38 new funding requests, totaling \$17.1 million, of which \$15.1 million is from FY 2024-25 and \$2 million is from prior fiscal years; and

2. Approve a total of 19 amended funding requests for FY 2024-25 totaling \$26.9 million, of which \$2.6 million is from FY 2024-25 and \$24.3 million is from prior fiscal years.

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Judge Crompton and seconded by Administrative Presiding Justice Hill. The motion was adopted.

[25-179](#)

Uniform Bail and Penalty Schedules | 2026 Edition for Traffic, Boating, Forestry, Fish and Game, Public Utilities, Parks and Recreation, Business Licensing (Action Required)

Summary: The Traffic Advisory Committee recommends adopting the *Uniform Bail and Penalty Schedules, 2026 Edition: Traffic, Boating, Forestry, Fish and Game, Public Utilities, Parks and Recreation, Business Licensing* (Uniform Bail and Penalty Schedules or UBPS). Vehicle Code section 40310 mandates that the Judicial Council annually adopt a uniform traffic penalty schedule for all nonparking Vehicle Code infractions. Additionally, Penal Code section 1269b(c) requires all trial courts annually to revise and adopt a countywide schedule of penalties for all felony, misdemeanor, and infraction offenses, except Vehicle Code infractions. Rule 4.102 of the California Rules of Court also provides that, when revising and adopting the schedules, counties “give consideration to the Uniform Bail and Penalty Schedules approved by the Judicial Council.” Unlike for Vehicle Code infractions, the penalty amounts in the UBPS for other laws are advisory. These amounts are intended to provide guidance and uniformity to the trial courts for their schedules for nontraffic misdemeanors and infractions.

Recommendation: The Traffic Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2026, adopt the *Uniform Bail and Penalty Schedules, 2026 Edition: Traffic, Boating, Forestry, Fish and Game, Public Utilities, Parks and Recreation, Business Licensing*. For the 2026 edition, the following changes to the revised 2025 edition are recommended by the committee:

1. Additions or modifications of Vehicle Code infraction offenses in the Traffic Infraction Fixed Penalty Schedule:
 - 5201.1(a), Sale or Manufacture of Prohibited Product or Device to Obscure License Plate;
 - 21201(f), Equipment Requirements for Bicycles and E-Bicycles;
 - 21212.5(a), Selling a Class 3 Electric Bicycle to a Person Under 16 Years of Age;
 - 21809(a), Failure to Slow Down or Change Lane When Approaching and Passing Stationary Emergency Vehicle or Tow Truck Displaying Warning Lights;
 - 24016(e), Selling a Product, Device, or Application That Can Improperly Modify an Electric Bicycle; and
 - Footnotes;
2. Modifications to Vehicle Code misdemeanors in the Traffic Misdemeanor Bail and Penalty Schedule:

- 42005(i), Failure to Attend Court-Ordered TVS;
 - Footnotes; and
3. Modification to the Boating Bail and Penalty Schedule:
- 9583(c)(4), Operating a Recreational Vessel in Nonmarine Waters Without a Valid State-Issued Invasive Mussel Infestation Prevention Sticker.

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Justice Irion and seconded by Presiding Judge Wood. The motion was adopted.

[25-177](#)

Report to the Legislature | California Court Interpreter Workforce Study (Action Required)

Summary: The Court Interpreters Advisory Panel recommends that the council approve the *California Court Interpreter Workforce Study* for submission to the Legislature. The study complies with Government Code section 71900, which requires the Judicial Council to conduct a workforce study and provide recommendations to the Legislature regarding court interpreter availability and the future court interpreter workforce, on or before January 1, 2026.

Recommendation: The Court Interpreters Advisory Panel recommends that the Judicial Council, effective December 12, 2025, approve the *California Court Interpreter Workforce Study* for submission to the Legislature.

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Presiding Judge Hernandez and seconded by Judge Moorman. Senator Umberg was absent for this vote. The motion was adopted.

[25-184](#)

Judicial Council | 2026 Legislative Priorities (Action Required)

Summary: Each year, the Judicial Council adopts legislative priorities to further key council objectives in the upcoming legislative year. The Legislation Committee recommends that the Judicial Council consider an approach similar to last year's for the 2026 legislative year to include continued stable and reliable funding to address increased costs; continued advancement of remote access to the courts while balancing due process; funding for judgeships statewide and judicial officers in counties with the greatest need; availability of verbatim records of court proceedings; operational efficiencies in the courts; and increased security resources to safeguard personnel, the public, and court systems from physical and cyber threats.

Recommendation: The Legislation Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2026, approve the following legislative priorities for 2026:

1. Continue to advocate for sufficient funding, including for:
 - a. Stable and reliable funding for courts to address annual cost increases in baseline operations and plan for the future; and
 - b. Sufficient resources to improve physical access to the courts by keeping courts open; expanding access by increasing the ability of court users to conduct branch business online; increasing security to safeguard personnel, the public, and court systems from physical and cyber threats; strengthening programs and services; and continuing to implement innovations in programs

- and services;
2. Continue to seek funding for judgeships overall and particularly for judicial officers in counties with the greatest need;
 3. Continue to sponsor or support legislation to improve judicial branch operational efficiencies, including cost-saving and cost-recovery measures as well as the ability to conduct proceedings, in whole or in part, using remote technology in order to expand safe and reliable access to justice;
 4. Continue to promote the availability of verbatim records of court proceedings by working collaboratively to address court reporter shortages and exploring innovations in technology;
 5. Seek legislative authorization, if needed and authorized by the Judicial Council in 2026, for the disposition of unused courthouses in fair market value transactions, with the proceeds to be directed to the State Court Facilities Construction Fund (the successor fund of the Immediate and Critical Needs Account) established by Senate Bill 1407 (Perata; Stats. 2008, ch. 311) or any other Judicial Council facilities fund authorized by the Legislature; and
 6. Delegate to the Legislation Committee the authority to take positions or provide comments on behalf of the Judicial Council on proposed legislation (state and federal), administrative rules or regulations, and proposals by other bodies or agencies after evaluating input from council advisory bodies, council staff, and the courts, provided that the input is consistent with the council's established policies and precedents.

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Ms. Nelson and seconded by Presiding Judge Awoniyi; Chief Justice Guerrero and Justice Corrigan abstained from recommendation number 4 of item 25-184. Senator Umberg was absent for this vote. The motion was adopted.

INFORMATION AGENDA (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

[25-040](#)

Court Facilities | Lease-Revenue Bond Issuance, Fall 2024 and Spring 2025

Summary: The Administrative Director presents this report on actions taken by the State Public Works Board in fall 2024 and spring 2025 to fund court facilities projects. New lease-revenue bonds were issued for two capital outlay projects, existing bonds were refunded for one project to improve the financial terms, and interim loans were issued for four projects in construction. All actions were authorized and directed by the Judicial Council to support the development and maintenance of court facilities.

[25-180](#)**Judicial Council Update | Trial Court Screening Equipment Replacement for Fiscal Year 2024-25**

Summary: The Trial Court Trust Fund provides funding through the Screening Equipment Replacement Program to replace outdated or malfunctioning screening equipment in the trial courts. Each year, the Administrative Director approves entrance screening equipment to be replaced through the program. This report updates the council on the equipment that was replaced in fiscal year 2024-25 using that funding.

[25-183](#)**Report to the Legislature | Preliminary Proposition 36 Court Data (December 2024 to June 2025)**

Summary: The Budget Act of 2025 (Stats. 2025, ch. 5) provides funding for the courts to support the implementation of Proposition 36, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act. It appropriated \$20 million to the Judicial Council and the trial courts to support the increased workload and expand or establish collaborative courts for the implementation of the act. Item 0250-101-0001 of the act requires the Judicial Council to submit to the Legislature preliminary data pertaining to Proposition 36--specifically, the number of Health and Safety Code section 11395 cases courts received from December 18, 2024 (the date of enactment) through June 30, 2025. Judicial Council staff submitted *Preliminary Proposition 36 Court Data (December 2024 to June 2025)* to the Legislature on October 1, 2025, to fulfill this mandate.

[25-185](#)**Report to the Legislature | Report on the Firearms Relinquishment Grant Program for 2024-25**

Summary: As required by the Budget Act of 2022 (Assem. Bill 178; Stats. 2022, ch. 45), by October 1 of each year, beginning in 2023 and ending in 2025, the Judicial Council must provide a report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee related to the court-based firearms relinquishment program. The attached report for fiscal year 2024-25 describes how funding has been allocated, how the funding has or will be used by each court, the structure of the program at each court, the roles and responsibilities of the court and its contractors, program challenges faced, key data outcomes for each court, and the role the Judicial Council plays in supporting court firearms relinquishment programs. Although delayed, this report was sent to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee on October 24, 2025.

[25-161](#)**Trial Courts | Annual Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25**

Summary: This annual investment report covers the period from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, and provides the financial results for the funds invested by the Judicial Council on behalf of the trial courts as part of the judicial branch treasury program. The report is submitted under the Resolutions Regarding Investment Activities for the Trial Courts, approved by the Judicial Council on February 27, 2004.

Judicial Council Internal Committee Reports

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Written Reports

Appointment Orders

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Appointment Orders since the last business meeting.

Adjournment

With the meeting's business completed, the Chief Justice adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Director Michelle Curran, Secretary to the Judicial Council, on February 20, 2026.