



Judicial Council of California

Meeting Agenda

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Friday, July 17, 2026

10:00 AM

San Francisco

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

Session: 9:15-9:45 a.m.

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

A link to the live videostream will be available in the Meeting Information Center at the start of the open session. If the closed session adjourns late, the start time of the open session may be delayed.

Open Session Begins: 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order

10 minutes

Swearing in of New Judicial Council Members

The Chief Justice will administer the oath of office to newly appointed council members.

10 minutes

Public Comment

10 minutes

The Judicial Council welcomes public comment on general matters of judicial administration or specific agenda items. Written comments are encouraged in advance of the meeting for specific agenda items so council members can consider them prior to the council meeting.

For more information, visit the Attendance and Public Comment Procedures webpage.

Submit advance requests to speak and written comments for this meeting by 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, by email to:

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Chief Justice's Report

15 minutes

Administrative Director's Report

26-003 Administrative Director's Report

15 minutes

CONSENT AGENDA

5 minutes

A council member may request an item be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda. Please notify Josely Yangco-Fronda at 415-865-7626 at least 48 hours before the meeting.

26-008 Minutes of April 24, 2026, Judicial Council Meeting

26-094 Allocations and Reimbursements to Trial Courts | Funding for Court Reporters in Family Law and Civil Law Case Types for Fiscal Year 2026-27 (Action Required)

Summary: Senate Bill 170 (Stats. 2021, ch. 240), which amended the Budget Act of 2021, provided \$30 million in ongoing General Fund support for trial courts to increase the number of court reporters in family law and civil cases. The budget language in the Budget Act of 2022 and subsequent years expanded the allowable uses for this funding. However, these changes do not affect how the funds are distributed to courts under the council-approved allocation methodology. The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approving the allocation of the ongoing \$30 million to all trial courts, as specified, for fiscal year 2026-27.

26-090 Allocations and Reimbursements to Trial Courts | Pretrial Release Funding and Allocation Methodology (Action Required)

Summary: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approving the fiscal year 2026-27 pretrial release funding of \$48.95 million General Fund for the trial courts and directing Judicial Council staff to conduct a midyear survey and recommend a methodology for reallocating funding to trial courts based on demonstrated need, if available. Funding through the pretrial release program provides for the operation of ongoing court programs and practices that promote the safe, efficient, fair, and timely pretrial release of individuals booked into jail.

[26-099](#)**Child Support | Assembly Bill 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program Funding for Fiscal Year 2026-27 (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council approve the allocation of funding for the Assembly Bill 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program (AB 1058 Program) for fiscal year 2026-27. The funds are provided through a cooperative agreement between the California Department of Child Support Services and the Judicial Council. The agreement requires the council to annually approve the AB 1058 Program funding allocations.

[26-101](#)**Collaborative Justice | Fiscal Year 2026-27 Substance Abuse Focus Grant and Dependency Drug Court Augmentation Grant Funding (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council allocate the Collaborative Justice Courts Substance Abuse Focus Grant (SAFG) Program's fiscal year 2026-27 funds to the trial courts using the population-based methodology approved in September 2023. The Budget Act of 2026 allocated \$1.16 million for the SAFG Program to the superior courts to maintain, expand, or enhance collaborative courts. A total of \$75,000 in federal Court Improvement Program funds is also available in fiscal year 2026-27 to fund dependency drug courts.

[26-105](#)**Court Facilities | Naming Request for New Mendocino Courthouse in Ukiah (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Court Facilities Advisory Committee recommends approval of the Superior Court of Mendocino County's request to name the new main courthouse in the city of Ukiah. This approval would establish the facility's official name. Construction of the courthouse began in winter 2025 and will conclude in summer 2027.

[26-092](#)**Court Facilities | Naming Request for New Sixth Appellate District Courthouse in Sunnyvale (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Court Facilities Advisory Committee recommends approval of the Sixth Appellate District's request to name the new Court of Appeal courthouse in the city of Sunnyvale. This approval would establish the facility's official name in advance of construction, which is scheduled to begin in summer 2026 and conclude in fall 2028.

[26-102](#)**Judicial Branch Technology | Jury Management System Grant Program Allocations for Fiscal Year 2026-27 (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Judicial Council Technology Committee recommends approving proposed allocations totaling \$600,000 for fiscal year 2026-27 for the Jury Management System Grant Program. The goal of the program is to improve the juror experience and reduce court resource needs by enhancing access to information. In this cycle, 15 trial courts submitted grant applications for a total of 17 projects.

[26-052](#)**Juvenile Law | Fiscal Year 2026-27 Funding Allocations for Court Appointed Special Advocate Local Assistance (Action Required)****Summary:**

The fiscal year 2026-27 judicial branch budget includes \$2.7 million for Judicial Council Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) grants. The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends the Judicial Council allocate \$2.7 million to fund 45 CASA programs serving 53 counties, using the amended funding methodology approved on July 12, 2024.

[26-081](#)**Language Access Plan | Allocations for Signage and Technology Grant Program, Cycle 8, Fiscal Year 2026-27 (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness and the Information Technology Advisory Committee recommend approving proposed grant awards for the Language Access Signage and Technology Grant Program of \$2.35 million to improve services and expand language access for court users. For Cycle 8 (fiscal year 2026-27), 24 courts applied for and will be awarded grants for signage and technology projects.

[26-100](#)**Rules and Forms | Adjustment to Deposit Account Exemption From Enforcement of Judgment (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Code of Civil Procedure requires the dollar amount of the deposit account exemption from enforcement of judgment to be adjusted annually in July to reflect increases in the minimum basic standard of care for a family of four. Judicial Council staff recommend revising the form that lists the dollar amounts of exemptions from enforcement of judgment to reflect the updated figure for deposit accounts.

[26-095](#)**Rules and Forms | Jury Instructions: Civil Jury Instructions (Release 49) (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions recommends approval of 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 midyear supplement to the official 2026 edition of the *Judicial Council of California Civil Jury Instructions*.

[26-033](#)**Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act | Selection of Shriver Projects
(Action Required)****Summary:**

The Judicial Council is asked to approve funding recommendations under the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act (Assem. Bill 590; Stats. 2009, ch. 457) to support projects providing legal representation and improved court services to low-income parties on critical legal issues affecting basic human needs. These projects address housing, domestic violence, civil harassment, probate conservatorships, guardianships, elder abuse, and child custody matters. Recommendations are submitted by the Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee for the upcoming three-year grant cycle.

[26-109](#)**Trial Court Budget | Fiscal Year 2026-27 Allocation of Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act Funding
(Action Required)****Summary:**

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends allocating \$32.9 million to trial courts for fiscal year 2026-27 to support Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act operations. The amount included in the 2026 Budget Act may be adjusted based on final appropriations. The Judicial Branch Budget Committee approved this recommendation for consideration by the Judicial Council.

[26-051](#)**Trial Court Budget | Fiscal Year 2026-27 Allocation of Court-Appointed Juvenile Dependency Counsel Funding
(Action Required)****Summary:**

The Judicial Council approves the allocation of court-appointed dependency counsel funding on an annual basis. The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends allocation of the \$186.7 million appropriation for court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel for fiscal year 2026-27. Allocations are subject to necessary technical adjustments and contingent upon funding included in the final enacted budget for fiscal year 2026-27.

[26-039](#)**Trial Court Budget | State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund Allocations for Fiscal Year 2026-27
(Action Required)****Summary:**

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approving allocations totaling \$47.8 million for fiscal year 2026-27 from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund. The allocations to various Judicial Council offices will provide funding to support statewide trial court programs, technology initiatives, operational improvements, and modernization efforts. With the proposed allocations, the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund is projected to end fiscal year 2026-27 with a fund balance of \$38.7 million, of which approximately \$36.6 million is unrestricted.

DISCUSSION AGENDA[26-041](#)**Trial Court Budget | Allocations for Trial Court Operations for Fiscal Year 2026-27 (Action Required)****Summary:**

Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(A) requires the Judicial Council to issue preliminary allocations for trial court operations in July and finalize those allocations in January of each fiscal year. In accordance with this requirement, the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends allocating \$3.2 billion to the trial courts for fiscal year 2026-27. This total includes \$3.1 billion from the Trial Court Trust Fund and \$117.8 million from the General Fund. The committee also recommends approval of the Workload Formula policy calculation of \$2.7 billion, which is based on methodologies previously approved by the Judicial Council. Based on current revenue projections and estimated savings from fiscal year 2025-26 appropriations, the Trial Court Trust Fund is projected to end fiscal year 2026-27 with a fund balance of \$335.5 million. Approximately \$248 million of this amount will be unrestricted and available to support future funding needs.

Speakers:

Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin (Ret.), Chair, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Budget Services

10 minutes

26-104**Court Facilities | Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan and Capital-Outlay Budget Change Proposals for Fiscal Year 2027-28 (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Court Facilities Advisory Committee recommends approval of the *Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan for Fiscal Year 2027-28* and five capital-outlay budget change proposals for fiscal year 2027-28 for submission to the state Department of Finance. The five-year plan forms the basis for capital project funding requests for the upcoming and outlying fiscal years, and the budget change proposals reflect funding requested for the phases of the projects in year 1 (fiscal year 2027-28) of the plan.

Speakers:

Hon. Brad R. Hill, Chair, Court Facilities Advisory Committee
Hon. Eric J. Wersching, Vice-Chair, Court Facilities Advisory Committee
Mr. Jagan Singh, Facilities Services
Mr. Chris Magnusson, Facilities Services

15 minutes

[26-107](#)**Judicial Branch Technology | IT Modernization Funding, Fiscal Year 2026-27 (Action Required)****Summary:**

The fiscal year 2026-27 judicial branch budget includes approximately \$12.5 million IT Modernization local court grant funding. The Technology Committee proposes the enclosed grant funding allocations following an application and review process in which projects were evaluated and--for the first time--ranked to inform the funding recommendations. This updated approach supports funding the most impactful

projects that align with the judicial branch's technology goals and funding priorities.

Speakers:

Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Chair, Judicial Council Technology Committee
Mr. David Slayton, Vice-Chair, Judicial Council Technology Committee

20 minutes

26-040

**Judicial Branch Budget | Fiscal Year 2027-28 Budget Change
Proposals for Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, Superior Courts,
Habeas Corpus Resource Center, Judicial Branch Facilities
Program, and Judicial Council
(Action Required)**

Summary:

To promote responsible and sustainable investment in the judicial branch's core programs and services--in anticipation of the new administration taking office in January 2027 and in recognition of the state's projected multiyear deficit--the Judicial Branch Budget Committee recommends submitting 24 budget change proposals, including one proposal deferred for submission in the spring, to the Department of Finance for consideration in the fiscal year 2027-28 Governor's Budget.

Speakers:

Hon. Ann C. Moorman, Chair, Judicial Branch Budget Committee
Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Budget Services

15 minutes

INFORMATION AGENDA (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

26-097

**Child Support | Midyear Funding Reallocation for Fiscal Year
2025-26**

Summary:

This report presents the midyear reallocation of funding for the Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program (AB 1058 Program) for fiscal year 2025-26. The Judicial Council approved the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee's recommendation to delegate authority, effective January 17, 2020, to the Administrative Director to implement annual midyear reallocations of AB 1058 Program funds using the council-approved methodology for reallocation. This report describes the annual midyear reallocation for the current fiscal year.

26-103

**Judicial Branch Technology | Technology Governance and
Funding Model**

Summary:

The Judicial Council Technology Committee is updating the Judicial Branch *Technology Governance and Funding Model*, which has remained unchanged since its adoption in 2014. This model provides the foundation for the branch's *Strategic Plan for Technology* and *Tactical Plan for Technology* and ensures a comprehensive, cohesive approach to branchwide technology strategy. Because technology has advanced significantly over the past decade and the needs of the courts, court users, and the judicial branch have evolved in parallel, updating the governance and funding model is essential to address these changes and position the branch for continued progress. The purpose of this report is to inform the council that while this work is underway, the existing *Strategic Plan for Technology* and

Tactical Plan for Technology will remain in effect and will not be revised until an updated governance and funding model is approved by the Judicial Council.

[26-110](#)**Judicial Council Update | Trial Court Facility Modifications Report for Quarter 3 of Fiscal Year 2025-26****Summary:**

This informational report to the Judicial Council outlines the allocations of facility modification funding made to improve trial court facilities in the third quarter (January through March) of fiscal year 2025-26. To determine allocations, the Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee reviews and approves facility modification requests from across the state in accordance with the council's *Trial Court Facility Modifications Policy*.

[26-108](#)**Report to the Legislature | Court Realignment Data (Calendar Year 2025)****Summary:**

Penal Code section 13155 requires Judicial Council staff, commencing January 1, 2013, to collect information from trial courts regarding the implementation of the 2011 Criminal Justice Realignment legislation and make the data available annually to the California Department of Finance, Board of State and Community Corrections, and Joint Legislative Budget Committee by September 1. *Court Realignment Data (Calendar Year 2025)*, included as Attachment A to this report, includes statistics from January 1 through December 31, 2025, for each county regarding the dispositions of felonies at sentencing and petitions to revoke probation, mandatory supervision, postrelease community supervision, and parole.

[26-106](#)**Report to the Legislature | Electronic Recording Equipment****Summary:**

Under Government Code section 69958, the Judicial Council is required to report to the Legislature semiannually on the purchase and lease of any electronic recording equipment that will be used to record superior court proceedings. For the reporting period of July 1 through December 31, 2025, two superior courts reported a combined total of \$26,251 for the purchase or lease of electronic recording equipment or related items. In May 2026, Judicial Council staff submitted the Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by Superior Courts (July 1 through December 31, 2025) to the Legislature.

[26-096](#)**Report to the Legislature | Review of the Statewide Uniform Child Support Guideline 2025****Summary:**

Under Family Code section 4054 and federal regulations (45 C.F.R. § 302.56), the Judicial Council must review the statewide uniform child support guideline every four years and submit its findings and recommendations. The 2025 review has been completed and transmitted as required. This report summarizes the key findings of that review, including how the guideline is applied and its impact on children and families across California.

[26-093](#)**Report to the Legislature | Trial Court Interpreters Program Expenditure Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25****Summary:**

On June 30, 2026, Judicial Council staff submitted the annual report on trial court interpreter expenditures to the Legislature and Department of Finance. This report is required by the Budget Act of 2024 (Assem. Bill 107; Stats. 2024, ch. 22).

[26-042](#)**Trial Courts | Quarterly Investment Report for Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2025-26****Summary:**

This quarterly investment report covers the period from January 1 through March 31, 2026, 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[26-111](#)**Written Reports****Appointment Orders**[26-112](#)**Appointment Orders since the last business meeting.****Adjournment**