

**District Court of Appeal Budget Commission  
VideoConference Call  
March 28, 2014**



**Members Present**

Judge Alan Lawson, Chair  
Judge Joseph Lewis, Jr.  
Judge Clayton Roberts  
Judge Charles Davis, Jr.  
Judge Frank Shepherd  
Judge Richard Suarez  
Judge Dorian Damoorgian  
Judge Cory Ciklin

Judge Vincent Torpy  
Judge William Van Nortwick, Jr.  
Marshal Jo Haynes  
Marshal Veronica Antonoff  
Marshal Daniel DiGiacomo  
Marshal Charles Crawford

**Members Absent**

Judge Stevan Northcutt  
William Van Nortwick, Jr.  
Judge Melanie May

**Others Present**

Judge Gerber, Deputy Marshal Leslie Tharpe, Theresa Westerfield, Dorothy Wilson, Elizabeth Garber and other OSCA staff

**Special Note:** It is recommended that these minutes be used in conjunction with the meeting materials.

**Agenda Item I.: Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Judge Alan Lawson welcomed members and called the District Court of Appeal Budget Commission (DCABC) meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Agenda Item II.: Approval of January 16, 2014 Minutes**

A motion was made by Judge Damoorgian to adopt the January 16, 2014 meeting minutes as drafted. Judge Davis seconded and the motion was passed without objection.

**Agenda Item III.: Fourth District Court of Appeal – FTE Request**

Judge Lawson presented the Fourth District Court of Appeal FTE request. Judge Lawson confirmed the current request is for non-law enforcement positions, although the original memo requested additional positions. Dorothy Wilson remarked that this request would not be

implemented until after the current fiscal year ends. Ms. Wilson further explained that the Fourth requires approval prior to canceling the existing contract.

A motion was made by Judge Torpy to approve the request and allow the Fourth DCA to utilize two FTE from the unfunded reserve. Judge Shepherd seconded and the motion passed without objection.

#### **Agenda Item IV.: State Courts Revenue Trust Fund Update**

Dorothy Wilson provided an update on the SCRTF stating that we are currently expected to experience a deficit of \$5.4 million. Ms. Wilson explained the deficit is due to revenues not coming in as estimated. Dorothy Wilson reported there is a small portion in the current back of bill for both the House and Senate to cover a portion of the deficit, \$1,776,000 and \$1,800,000, respectively. Ms. Wilson remarked that there was a meeting earlier this afternoon and that they are making a little headway with this issue.

#### **Agenda Item V.: Legislative Update**

Judge Lawson provided a legislative update stating session is entering into the conference stage. Judge Lawson reported that the House has not picked up the staff salary issue, however, the Senate has fully funded the issue in their proposals. Judge Lawson stated the DCA's are in a good position going into conference and that recent meetings with delegates assured that building issues remain at the top of their list.

#### **Adjournment**

With no other business before the Commission, Judge Shepherd motioned to adjourn. Judge Davis seconded and the meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.