

**District Court of Appeal Budget Commission
Conference Call
September 18, 2013**



Members Present

Judge Alan Lawson, Chair
Judge Dorian Damoorgian
Judge Charles Davis, Jr.
Judge Stevan Northcutt
Marshal Veronica Antonoff
Marshal Charles Crawford
Judge Richard Suarez

Judge Frank Shepherd
Judge Vincent Torpy
Judge William Van Nortwick, Jr.
Marshal Stephen Nevels
Marshal Jo Haynes
Marshal Daniel DiGiacomo
Judge Cory Ciklin

Members Absent

Judge Linda Wells
Judge Joseph Lewis, Jr.
Judge Clayton Roberts

Others Present

Lisa Goodner, Theresa Westerfield, Eric Maclure, 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 3:30 p.m.

Agenda Item II.: Reconsideration of FY 2014-15 Legislative Budget Request

A. Employee Salary Increases

Judge Lawson reported at the Joint Leadership Meeting on September 13, 2013 concern regarding the proposed employee salary increases was raised. It was proposed that the employee pay issue be split into two issues; an issue recommending a competitive salary increase and a second issue to address specific equity and retention issues with other branches.

Judge Lawson presented two options for consideration. Judge Torpy motioned to approve option two (Approve alternative recommendation as proposed by the Joint Leadership meeting). Judge Shepherd seconded and the motion passed without objection.

B. Comprehensive Statewide Facilities Study

Judge Lawson explained the need to reconsider the statewide facilities study stating the concern that if the statewide issue is promoted, it enables the possibility that individual district issues may not be funded.

Judge Lawson presented two options for consideration. Judge Shepherd motioned to approve option two (Do not file an LBR issue for Comprehensive Statewide Facilities Study). Judge Torpy seconded and the motion passed without objection.

Agenda Item III.: Certification of New Judgeships

Judge Lawson presented the FY2014-15 Certification of Need for Additional Judgeships requests. Judge Lawson stated the Second District Court of Appeal requests two new judgeships and the Fifth District Court of Appeal requests one new judgeship.

Judge Lawson presented two options. Judge Davis motioned to approve option one (Approve the requests for the new judgeships in the Second and Fifth District Courts of Appeal). Judge Torpy seconded and the motion passed without objection.

Adjournment

With no other business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.