

APPROVED

**Trial Court Budget Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2015
Telephone Conference**



Attendance – Members Present

The Honorable Mark Mahon, Chair	The Honorable Debra Nelson
The Honorable Robert Roundtree, Vice Chair	Ms. Kathy Pugh
The Honorable Catherine Brunson	The Honorable Anthony Rondolino
The Honorable Jeffrey Colbath	The Honorable Margaret Steinbeck
The Honorable Ronald Ficarrotta	Mr. Grant Slayden
Mr. Tom Genung	The Honorable Elijah Smiley
The Honorable Frederick Lauten	The Honorable Bertila Soto
Ms. Sandra Lonergan	The Honorable John Stargel
The Honorable Wayne Miller	Mr. Mark Weinberg
The Honorable Diana Moreland	Ms. Robin Wright

Attendance – Members Absent

The Honorable Gregory Parker	Mr. Walt Smith
The Honorable Robert Hilliard	The Honorable Patricia Thomas

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

Judge Mahon welcomed members and called the Trial Court Budget Commission (TCBC) meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Agenda Item I: Reallocation of Unexpended Fiscal Year 2014-15 Regular Senior Judge Days

Jessie Emrich reported on this agenda item stating that the Legislature appropriated an additional \$120,000 in funding and re-appropriated any unexpended funds from the FY 2014-15 senior judge appropriation as part of the trial courts' FY 2015-16 budget. At the time of the July 10, 2015, TCBC meeting, the anticipated number of FY 2014-15 regular senior judge days to be re-appropriated was estimated to be 1,700 days and the TCBC approved the allocation at that time.

Due to an unexpected high level of June expenditures submitted over the last months of the fiscal year, the actual number of re-appropriated days available for FY 2015-16 was lower (1,394 days) than what was estimated. Circuit allotments for the additional 337 days plus the actual number of re-appropriated FY 2014-15 days (1,394 days) needed to be determined. The proposed re-allocation does not impact the circuits' allotments of the 6,249 regular FY 2015-16 days.

Walt Smith made a motion to approve Option 1, to approve circuit allotments based on each circuit's percent of total pending foreclosure cases. Judge Miller seconded and the motion passed without objection.

Agenda Item II: Update on Fiscal Year 2016-17 Legislative Budget Request

Eric Maclure provided an overview of the FY 2016-17 Legislative Budget Request (LBR) for the trial courts and also stated the LBR will be submitted one month earlier, on September 15, 2015, due to the early start of the 2016 Legislative Session in January.

Adjournment

With no other business before the commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.