



# The State Bar of California

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## Legal Services Trust Fund Commission CARE Court Grants Committee Teleconference

Open Session Minutes  
Monday, July 15, 2024  
10:01 a.m.–10:48 a.m.

**Time Meeting Commenced:** The CARE Court Grants Committee meeting commenced in open session at 10:01 a.m.

**Time Meeting Adjourned:** 10:48 a.m.

**Chair:** Erik Isken

**Committee Coordinator:** Helen Yu

**Members Present:** Catherine Blakemore, Venetta Campbell, Efrain Escobedo, Hon. Clifford Klein, Jodi Prior

**Members Absent:** Maria Morales

**Liaisons Present:** Laura Brown, Judicial Council; Lorin Kline, Legal Aid Association of California; Zach Newman, Legal Aid Association of California

**Liaisons Absent:** Salena Copeland, Legal Aid Association of California; Melanie Snider, Judicial Council

**Staff Present:** Shannon Crossley, Christopher McConkey, Alexa Montalvo, Kimberly Warmesley

### OPEN SESSION

#### 1. Call to Order

The CARE Court Grants Committee was called to order by Chair Isken.

#### 2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

#### Call for Public Comment

Chair Isken called for public comment, inquiring as to whether there were person(s) who wished to comment on any agenda item. There were no members of the public who wished to speak on any agenda item.

#### 3. Open Session Minutes

**3.1 Open Session Minutes: June 7, 2024**

**3.2 Open Session Minutes: June 27, 2024**

**RESOLVED**, that the CARE Court Grants Committee approves the Open Session Minutes from the June 7, 2024, and June 27, 2024, meetings, as posted on the agenda.

*Moved by Blakemore, seconded by Campbell.*

*Ayes – (5) Catherine Blakemore, Venetta Campbell, Efrain Escobedo, Jodi Prior, Eric Isken*

*Noes – (0)*

*Abstain – (0)*

*Absent – (2) Hon. Clifford Klein, Maria Morales*

#### **4. Discussion and Action Items**

##### **4.1 Approve the 2024-2025 CARE Court Award Amounts and Amounts for County Public Defender Offices (the County Allocation Formula)**

Presenter: Helen Yu, Senior Program Analyst, Office of Access & Inclusion

Senior Program Analyst Yu presented two options to allocate the 2024–2025 funding for respondents' representation by county. At its June 27, 2024, meeting, the committee reassessed county allocations, proposing adjustments based on each county's CARE Court start date and minimum funding floors, referred to as Table 1. A second option, Table 2, was developed after some small counties highlighted a need for additional resources to build infrastructure for services, increasing the minimum funding for counties with populations at or below 100,000 by \$10,000. The committee discussed the potential impacts of both methods, including each county's estimated number of petitions.

Staff also presented recommendations for the 2024–2025 CARE awards, to Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund, Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino, Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County, Justice and Diversity Center, and Legal Assistance to the Elderly.

**RESOLVED**, that the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission (LSTFC) CARE Court Grants Committee, acting on behalf of the LSTFC under its delegated authority, approves the 2024–2025 CARE Court county allocations in Table 1 and 2024–2025 CARE Court award amounts in Table 3, as described in staff's memo dated July 15, 2024.

***Moved by Blakemore, seconded by Isken***

*Ayes – (6) Catherine Blakemore, Venetta Campbell, Efrain Escobedo, Hon. Clifford Klein, Jodi Prior, Eric Isken*

*Noes – (0)*

*Abstain – (0)*

*Absent – (1) Maria Morales*

*Motion carries.*

#### **5. ADJOURN**