

**District Court of Appeal Budget Commission**  
**June 27, 2007**  
**Orlando World Center Marriott**  
**(10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon)**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**DCABC Members Present:**

Judge Carolyn Fulmer, Chair  
Judge Matthew Stevenson, Vice Chair  
Judge Robert Pleus, Jr.  
Judge Peter Webster  
Judge Gerald Cope, Jr.  
Judge George Shahood

**Others Present:**

Judge Robert M. Gross  
Judge David A. Monaco  
Judge Darryl C. Casanueva  
Judge Chris Altenbernd  
Marshal Don Brannon  
Marshal Velma Johnson  
Marshal Jo Suhr  
Marshal Dottie Munro  
Marshal Glen Rubin  
Marshal Ty Berdeaux  
Lisa Goodner  
OSCA Staff

**Absent:**

Judge Edwin Browning, Jr.  
Judge Stevan Northcutt  
Judge David Gersten  
Judge William Palmer

Judge Carolyn Fulmer called the District Court of Appeal Budget Commission (DCABC) meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Judge Fulmer asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 30, 2007, and April 9, 2007, meetings. Judge Webster proposed a correction to the April 9, minutes to reflect his attendance. The motion to adopt the minutes from the January 30, 2007, and April 9, 2007, meetings was made by Judge Pleus and seconded by Judge Shahood.

**2007 Regular Legislative Session Wrap-Up**

Charlotte Jerrett briefed the members regarding the status of appellate funding issues within the General Appropriations Act (SB 2800 Sections 7 and 8) and outlined relevant line item issues consisting of: fixed capital outlay projects, workload issues, a one-time lump sum bonus payment, health insurance and benefits, the appellate case management

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system and the Florida Bar dues provision. Ms. Jerrett indicated that the Governor did not veto any line items within the appellate courts section of the General Appropriations Act.

Don Brannon inquired as to the current status of the VoIP phones. Lisa Goodner stated that the VoIP phones have been implemented in the OSCA and that technical issues are being tested and resolved. Ms. Goodner will follow up with the commission members on the progress of the VoIP phone conversion.

**Discussion of Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Budget**

Ms. Jerrett briefed the members on the 2007-08 operating allotment process. Handouts outlining individual DCA allotments were forwarded to the members and requests are due to the Budget Office by Monday, July 16, 2007.

**Discussion of Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Legislative Budget Request**

Ms. Jerrett briefed the members regarding the LBR timeline dates and overall procedures for issue submittal. Ms. Jerrett reminded the members that Tom Long, General Services Manager, would forward CIP instructions directly to the marshals and that a copy of each CIP request should be forwarded to the General Services Office, as well as and the Budget Office. Additionally, Ms. Jerrett requested the members to submit all LBR requests to the Budget Office by Tuesday, July 31, 2007.

Judge Fulmer addressed the specifics of narrative submittal, the importance of prioritizing issues, and scheduling meetings with local Senate and House delegation members.

Judge Pleus inquired as to the utilization of pictures in conjunction with this exercise. Judge Fulmer and Ms. Goodner stated that pictures would be helpful in making presentations before the Legislature.

**Discussion of Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Legislative Pay Issues**

Funding for the classification and pay study was not appropriated during the 2007 Session. Discussions arose regarding the proposed pay plan strategy for the upcoming 2008 Session. Ms. Goodner stated that the SCS pay plan issue was included as part of the Governor's 2007-08 supplemental budget (6 months). Additionally, the issue would remain a priority of the SCS during the upcoming 2008 Session.

Ms. Jerrett indicated the OSCA's Personnel Office is in the process of updating pay data by conducting a limited survey of Executive Branch agencies. This will be accomplished by requesting local court personnel managers to obtain similar data for county and local

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governments in their circuit/district; using the new data to establish updated minimum and market targets and to update data demonstrative of the lack of competitiveness; develop statistics on the number of employees leaving because of better pay opportunities through the use of exit interviews; update turnover data for selected classes on a regular basis; and enter new targets into MAG data base to be used to generate updated pay issue costs for the 2008 Session.

Judge Fulmer and Ms. Goodner stated that a law clerk pay workgroup meet last summer, which consisted of law clerks from each District Court of Appeal, and that no recommendations or plans have been implemented regarding the classification and pay study. Judge Cope suggested that as part of the pay initiative, we continue to work with the state attorneys and public defenders to coordinate a unified voice and funding strategy regarding this matter. Ms. Goodner agreed and Judge Fulmer suggested meeting with those individuals in the near future to address the issue further.

**Other Business**

Ms. Goodner pointed out that legislative staff has conveyed possible budget reductions for FY 2007-08 and that a 1 percent to 4 percent reduction equaling \$4.4 million to \$18 million for the branch is likely. Ms. Goodner also referred to an upcoming General Revenue Estimating Conference meeting, which would be scheduled prior to the Senate and House interim committee weeks to examine specific trends and revenue collections statewide. The tentative interim committee weeks begin the week of September 17, in the House of Representatives and the week of October 1, in the Florida Senate.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.