

**District Court of Appeal Budget Commission  
Video Conference Call Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2008**

**DCABC Members Present:**

Judge Stevan Northcutt, Chair  
Judge Paul Hawkes  
Judge Darryl Casanueva  
Judge George Shahood

Judge Edwin Browning Jr., Vice Chair  
Judge Carolyn Fulmer  
Judge David Gersten  
Judge William Palmer

**Others Present:**

Judge Matthew Stevenson  
Marshal Jo Suhr  
Marshal Glen Rubin  
Lisa Goodner

Marshal Don Brannon  
Marshal Dottie Munro  
Marshal Ty Berdeaux  
OSCA Staff

**Absent**

Judge Juan Ramirez  
Judge David Monaco

Judge Robert Gross

Judge Stevan Northcutt called the District Court of Appeal Budget Commission (DCABC) meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**Legislative Activity**

Lisa Goodner briefed the members on the status of legislative activities. The House Safety and Security Council is planning to meet tomorrow, February 13, beginning at 9:00am. Ms. Goodner stated that Chairman Kravitz has requested that the State Courts System present a revised Schedule VIII-B reduction proposal before the council and that further budget reductions have been requested by the legislature. Ms. Goodner also informed the members that projected revenue shortfalls may reach \$3 billion instead of \$2.5 billion, as forecast this past November. Revised revenue estimates have not been officially released, but it appears projections are worse than previously anticipated.

Senate and House interim committee meetings have been scheduled during the week of February 18 - February 22, 2008. Several days of continuing budget activities are expected.

A question was raised as to whether or not additional reductions would be taken from the current FY 2007-08 or the following FY 2008-09. Ms. Goodner said it was unclear at this point which fiscal year would be directly affected and that more details would be forthcoming during next week's Senate and House interim committee meetings.

**Discussion of Budget Reductions**

*Update Schedule VIII-B* – Judge Northcutt recapped the progression of budget events that took place last fall, the outcomes of Special Session C, and the continuing fiscal climate.

After various discussions, consideration, and consensus among the members, Dorothy Wilson calculated the percentages of proportional reductions (based on the percent of the total DCA

operating budget) for each DCA. Charlotte Jerrett also clarified that these proposed reductions were in addition to cuts already approved during Special Session C, which totaled \$359,000.

1 <sup>st</sup> DCA	\$94,866
2 <sup>nd</sup> DCA	\$70,864
3 <sup>rd</sup> DCA	\$73,150
4 <sup>th</sup> DCA	\$68,581
5 <sup>th</sup> DCA	\$74,292
Total	\$381,753

A motion was offered by Judge Palmer and seconded by Judge Shahood that proportional reductions totaling \$381,753 would be deducted from each appellate operational budget and included as part of the revised Schedule VIII-B reductions for the House Safety and Security Council meeting. The commission unanimously approved the motion. Ms. Jerrett asked each DCA to submit individual reductions by category and forward then to Ms. Wilson by 1:00pm today. After all proposals are submitted, a final worksheet will be sent back to the members. Judge Fulmer requested feedback on the direct effect of these reductions for further meetings and discussions with legislators.

*Scenarios for Current Year 4% Release Holdbacks* – Ms. Goodner addressed the possibility of a 4% holdback and referred to a worksheet outlining various scenarios for reductions from recurring appropriations. The worksheet was provided for informational purposes only.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.