

**District Court of Appeal Budget Commission  
Video Conference Call Meeting Minutes  
February 28, 2008**

**DCABC Members Present:**

Judge Stevan Northcutt, Chair  
Judge Carolyn Fulmer  
Judge David Gersten  
Judge George Shahood  
Judge William Palmer

Judge Edwin Browning Jr., Vice Chair  
Judge Darryl Casanueva  
Judge Juan Ramirez  
Judge Robert Gross  
Judge David Monaco

**Others Present:**

Judge Martha Warner  
Marshal Jo Suhr  
Marshal Glen Rubin  
Lisa Goodner

Marshal Don Brannon  
Marshal Dottie Munro  
Marshal Ty Berdeaux  
OSCA Staff

**Absent**

Judge Paul Hawkes

Judge Stevan Northcutt called the District Court of Appeal Budget Commission (DCABC) meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

**Budget Discussions**

Judge Northcutt briefed the members on the latest information regarding additional budget reductions in the appellate courts base budgets for FY 2007-08, as well as potential reductions for FY 2008-09. Judge Northcutt explained that the purpose of this meeting was to determine the amount each appellate court could identify as proposed reductions in the last quarter of FY 2007-08, pursuant to the Senate's request. Judge Northcutt stressed that the Chief Justice has instructed the entire branch to do everything possible to avoid furloughs or layoffs.

Lisa Goodner informed the Commission that the branch as a whole could potentially face a \$17 million dollar budget reduction and that ongoing discussions have been occurring between Senate and House staff. Ms. Goodner said that two issues are on the table: 1) FY 2007-08 recurring reductions and 2) FY 2008-09 reductions. Ms. Goodner referred to the tentative Senate block calendar for the first week of Session (March 3 – 7) and said that conference meetings are to be announced beginning Friday, March 7, and possibly throughout the weekend.

Judge Northcutt asked about the amounts which have been offered up to this point from the other areas of the branch. Ms. Goodner stated that a \$1.4 million Fixed Capital Outlay (FCO) project within the Supreme Court; \$700,000 in GR for the appellate court case management system from OSCA and cash from various trust funds totaling \$6.9 million in non-recurring funding, have been offered.

The Commission discussed additional amounts that could be offered by each Court.

**1<sup>st</sup> DCA**

\$20,000 from the operating budget, but will examine the budget further to determine if more cuts can be taken.

**2<sup>nd</sup> DCA**

\$80,000 if their projected salary deficit is covered through year end.

**3<sup>rd</sup> DCA**

\$76,785 and would also allocate \$20,000 in salaries and benefits to the 2<sup>nd</sup> DCA to assist with their salary deficit for FY 2007-08 only.

**4<sup>th</sup> DCA**

\$71,200 and would also allocate \$20,000 in salaries and benefits to the 2<sup>nd</sup> DCA to assist with their salary deficit for FY 2007-08 only.

**5<sup>th</sup> DCA**

\$19,507 from the operating budget, but will examine the budget further to determine if more cuts can be taken.

Ms. Jerrett asked that the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 5<sup>th</sup> DCA's communicate their revised amounts no later than 12:00n today so that the total reduction amounts could then be forwarded to the Senate.

Judge Browning offered the motion to approve the appellate courts budget reduction amounts and Judge Gersten seconded the motion. The commission unanimously approved the motion.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.