



# The State Bar of California

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## Legal Services Trust Fund Commission Teleconference

Open Session Minutes  
Friday, February 2, 2024  
10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

**Time Meeting Commenced:**

The Legal Services Trust Fund Commission meeting commenced in open session at 10:00 a.m.

**Time Meeting Adjourned:**

3:00 p.m.

**Chair:**

Erica Connolly

**Committee Coordinator:**

Doan Nguyen

**Members Present:**

Amin Al-Sarraf, Jaquelin Alikhaani, Catherine Blakemore, Venetta Campbell, Efrain Escobedo, Eloina Gonzalez, Toni Hoang, Eric Isken, Hon. Clifford Klein, Patience Milrod, Jodi Prior, Jonathan Sandville

**Members Absent:**

Jeff Ball, Jason Galkin, Angie King, Hon. Diana Kruze, Joseph Lee, Tammy Mahoney, Maria Morales, Xavier Vargas

**Advisors Present:**

Justice Victor Rodriguez, Judge Brad Seligman

**Advisors Absent:**

Hon. Bryant Yang

### OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order

The Legal Services Trust Fund Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Connolly.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

3. Business

3.1 Legal Services Trust Fund Commission (LSTFC) Five-Year Strategic Plan Workshop

Chair Connolly called for public comment, inquiring as to whether there were person(s) who wished to comment on any agenda item. A member of the public who identified themselves as “Vanessa Holton” made public comment.

The LSTFC proceeded with its strategic plan workshop, facilitated by Lucas Public Affairs (LPA). At the beginning of the session, commissioners and staff discussed their

expectations for the day. There was expressed interest in developing the LSTFC's mission and purpose, having more concerted efforts using evaluative data to measure impact of grant funds, and identifying opportunities to better align need with funding.

LPA then presented results from the survey responses received from commissioners, board members, and senior staff. There was a strong response rate, with 32 out of 34 responses received. Overall, survey respondents felt positively that the LSTFC was increasing access to legal services and meeting the needs of indigent Californians and that LSTFC was successful in supporting efforts and organization organizations that increase equity and inclusion through grantmaking. There was less certainty about whether the LSTFC was effectively collecting data and evaluating outcomes to achieve goals consistent with the LSTFC's purpose. LPA plans to conduct more in-depth interviews after the strategic session.

At the end of the session, the LSTFC indicated that its top three areas of strategic focus would be 1) developing a mission statement, 2) creating a committee on infrastructure, and 3) creating a committee on evaluations.

In order to advance strategic planning and begin implementation, the LSTFC agreed that it would be best that a designated working group representing different perspectives develop recommendations for the LSTFC. Following the session, the working group will reconvene, and staff will engage external stakeholders through a survey and other feedback. Updates and initial recommendations will be discussed at the June 2024 LSTFC meeting.

#### 4. Adjourn