



The State Bar of California

LSTFC Eligibility and Budget Review Committee Meeting Teleconference

Open Session Minutes
Friday, April 26, 2024
12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

Time Meeting Commenced:	The Eligibility and Budget Review Committee meeting commenced in open session at 12:16 p.m.
Time Meeting Adjourned:	2:31 p.m.
Chair:	Catherine Blakemore
Committee Coordinator:	Danielle MacRae
Members Present:	Catherine Blakemore, Eloina Gonzalez, Angie King
Members Absent:	Hon. Clifford Klein, Maria Morales, Xavier Vargas
Advisors Present:	Judge Brad Seligman
Advisors Absent:	None
Liaisons Present:	Salena Copeland (LAAC), Melanie Snider (Judicial Council)
Staff Present:	Danielle MacRae, Doan Nguyen, Brady Dewar, Abraham Gutierrez

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order

The Eligibility and Budget Review Committee (committee) was called to order by Chair Blakemore.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was not established. Chair Blakemore called for public comment, inquiring as to if there were person(s) who wished to comment to any agenda item. The following comment was provided to the committee:

1. Cori Racela

Cori Racela, Vice President of Programs at Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California (AJ SoCal), provided support for the organization under agenda item 4.4. Additionally, written public comment from AJ SoCal was submitted prior to the meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Open Session Minutes: March 1, 2024

The committee did not have a quorum and could not approve the minutes. The members of the EBR committee present decided to hold approval of the minutes until the committee's next meeting.

4. Administrative Updates

4.1 Update on IOLTA/EAF Prospective Applicants

Presenter: Danielle MacRae, Lead Program Analyst, Office of Access & Inclusion

Eight prospective IOLTA/EAF applicants who have started applications (due May 15) were presented. Seven of those organizations may apply as Qualified Legal Service Projects (QLSPs) and one may apply as a Support Center (SC). A summary of services and expenditure amounts for each prospective grantee organization was shared.

4.2 Action on Audit Extension Requests

Presenter: Danielle MacRae, Lead Program Analyst, Office of Access & Inclusion

Staff received two requests for audit extensions from Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC) and Capital Pro Bono (CPB). Committee members discussed the latest date for which an extension can be approved.

Because quorum was not established at this meeting, a formal vote could not be cast. However, committee members discussed the item and unanimously expressed support for the following resolution, which will be presented at the LSTFC's June 21, 2024, meeting for approval:

RESOLVED, that the members of Eligibility and Budget Review Committee of the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission present on April 26, 2024, recommend approval of Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC)'s and Capital Pro Bono (CPB)'s audit extension requests to June 30, 2024.

4.3 Action on 2022 and 2023 IOLTA/EAF Carryovers and Budgets Modifications

Presenter: Danielle MacRae, Lead Program Analyst, Office of Access & Inclusion

A timely 2023 EAF carryover request was made by Legal Aid Society of San Diego (LASSD).

Because quorum was not established at this meeting, a vote could not be cast. However, committee members discussed the item and unanimously expressed support for the following resolution, which will be presented at the LSTFC's June 21, 2024, meeting for approval:

RESOLVED, that the members of the Eligibility and Budget Review Committee of the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission present on April 26, 2024, recommend approval of Legal Aid Society of San Diego's 2023 EAF carryover as described in staff's April 26, 2024, memorandum to the committee.

4.4 Action on 2023 Impact Litigation and Advocacy Work (ILAW) Activities

Presenter: Danielle MacRae, Lead Program Analyst, Office of Access & Inclusion

Committee members discussed two Impact Litigation and Advocacy Work (ILAW) activities submitted by AJ SoCal on redistricting and language accessibility. Committee members asked Cori Racela follow up questions to understand the specific legal activity being performed. Committee members considered whether the described redistricting activity was legal in nature and if it disproportionately impacted indigent Californians. Committee members requested additional follow up information be brought to the next committee meeting.

Because quorum was not established at this meeting, a vote could not be cast. However, committee members discussed the item and unanimously expressed support for the following resolution, which will be discussed at the committee's June 12, 2024, meeting:

RESOLVED, that members of the Eligibility and Budget Review Committee of the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission present on April 26, 2024, find qualifying for the purposes of the 2025 IOLTA/EAF application all activities that staff recommends without reservations and the following activity elevated for discussion:

- Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California – Dual Language Immersion/ Asian Language Bilingual Accreditation.

5. ADJOURN