



# The State Bar of California

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## Legal Services Trust Fund Commission (LSTFC) CARE Court Grants Committee Teleconference

Open Session Minutes  
Thursday, June 27, 2024  
12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m.

**Time Meeting Commenced:** The LSTFC CARE Court Grants Committee meeting commenced in open session at 12:01 p.m.

**Time Meeting Adjourned:** 12:52 p.m.

**Chair:** Eric Isken

**Committee Coordinator:** Helen Yu

**Members Present:** Catherine Blakemore, Venetta Campbell, Jodi Prior

**Members Absent:** Efrain Escobedo, Maria Morales, Hon. Clifford Klein

**Liaisons Present:** Laura Brown, Judicial Council of California  
Lorin Kline, Judicial Council of California  
Melanie Snider, Judicial Council of California

**Liaisons Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Shannon Crossley, Christopher McConkey, Alexa Montalvo, Kimberly Warmsley, and Helen Yu

### OPEN SESSION

#### 1. Call to Order

The CARE Court Grants Committee (committee) was called to order by Chair Isken.

#### 2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established. Chair Isken 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. Keri Klein

Keri Klein, Public Defender for Nevada County, provided public comment regarding item 3.1.

#### 3. CARE Court Grants

##### 3.1 Discuss the County Allocations for 2024–2025 CARE Court Funds, Subject to the Budget Act of 2024

**Presenter:** Helen Yu, Senior Program Analyst, Office of Access & Inclusion

State Bar staff reported that the Budget Act of 2024 (Budget Act) provides at least \$16,750,000 in funding for the representation of CARE Court respondents. As noted in the 2024–2025 CARE Court Grants Request for Proposals, the Committee planned to revisit the county allocation formula if statewide funding to represent respondents was much lower in the Budget Act than in the Governor’s January 2024 proposal. Staff presented example, updated county allocations that reflected the amount in the Budget Act to represent respondents. The proposed allocations outlined a three-tier approach to providing minimum funding in each county and prorating based on each county’s CARE Court start date. The Committee plans to finalize the 2024–2025 CARE Court award amounts and amounts for county public defender offices or their equivalents at its July 15, 2024, meeting.

**ADJOURN**