Minutes of August 3, 2026, Budget Committee Meeting (virtual via Zoom)

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order and Introduction

Clerk Stacy Butterfield, Chair of the Budget Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Agenda Item 2 – Roll Call

Griffin Kolchakian, CCOC Budget and Communications Director, conducted the roll call.

Present via Zoom: Chair Stacy Butterfield, Clerk Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, Clerk Ken Burke, Clerk Matt Brooks, Clerk Mike Caruso, Clerk Pam Childers, Clerk Gary Cooney, Clerk Brenda Forman, Clerk Greg Godwin, Clerk Tara Green, Clerk Greg James, Clerk Crystal Kinzel, Clerk Michelle Miller, Clerk Clayton Rooks, III, Clerk Laura Roth, Clerk Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk Carolyn Timmann.

Absent from Meeting: Clerk Nadia Daughtrey, Clerk Juan Fernandez-Barquin, Clerk Grant Maloy, Clerk Kellie Hendricks Rhoades.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment

Chair Butterfield opened the floor for public comment; there was none.

Agenda Item 4 – Approve Minutes from 6/30/26 Meeting

The minutes of the June 30, 2026, meeting were presented for approval.

Clerk Cooney motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Clerk Timmann. The motion was adopted without objection.

Agenda Item 5 – Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) Results Update

Mr. Kolchakian provided an update on the July 20 Article V Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) meeting. CCOC Executive Director Jason L. Welty participated in this conference on behalf of the clerks. The REC estimated the CFY 2026-27 clerk revenues to be $570.9 million. This provides $57.6 million of available funding for the committee to allocate above the approved Base Budget to build the $590.1 million Revenue-Limited Budget.

Agenda Item 6 – ABC Workgroup Updated Allocation Options

Chair Butterfield summarized the budget development process to date, the updated Additional Budget Components (ABC) Workgroup cost-of-living proposals that were requested by the committee, and the committee allocation decisions needed. There

was extensive committee discussion on the cost-of-living allocation proposals, including letters of support from Clerk Fernandez-Barquin and Clerk Forman as well as an additional allocation proposal from Clerk Kinzel. The discussion focused on the impact to counties, a proposed funding floor of 6% to all clerks, and potentially setting a cap based on the June Budget Issue Requests.

Clerk Cooney motioned to approve the CFY 2026-27 Revenue-Limited Budget using Option A1 (95%/5%) as presented to allocate 100% of the remaining available funding including the 6% floor. The motion was seconded by Clerk Burke. The motion was adopted via a roll call vote with 14 yeas and Clerks Alvarez-Sowles, Caruso, and Kinzel voting nay.

Clerk Kinzel requested that the budget presented to the Executive Council for final approval add a column reflecting the total issue requests for each clerk; the committee agreed.

Agenda Item 7 – Budget Allocation Discussion

Chair Butterfield asked the committee how they would like to proceed now that all available funding was allocated under Agenda Item 6. There was committee discussion on the scheduled in-person meeting in Orlando on August 19th, including the potential optional budget presentations.

Clerk Burke motioned to cancel the August 19th Budget Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Clerk Russell. The motion was adopted with Clerk Kinzel voting nay.

Agenda Item 8 – Other Business

Chair Butterfield and Mr. Kolchakian provided an update on the ongoing work of the ABC Workgroup.

Jason L. Welty worked with Council members to schedule the next Executive Council meeting for August 11th at 2:00 PM; the CFY 2026-27 Revenue-Limited Budget will be presented for final approval at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 PM.