

**MAINE COMMISSION ON
PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES**

March 9, 2026

**Commissioner's
Meeting Packet**

MAINE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES

MARCH 9, 2026 MEETING AGENDA

- 1) Approval of the January 22, 2026 Commission Meeting Minutes
- 2) Executive session pursuant to 1 MRS § 405(6)(E) to discuss pending or contemplated litigation
- 3) Report of the Executive Director
 - a. Operations report
 - b. Staffing update
 - c. Introduction to employed caseload and evaluation standards
 - d. dD7 rollout
- 4) Update from District Defenders
- 5) Budget/Legislative update
- 6) Rulemaking discussion / Chapters 302 and 301-B
- 7) Set Date, Time and Location of Next Regular Meeting of the Commission
- 8) Public Comment

**Maine Commission on Public Defense Services
Commissioners Meeting January 22, 2026**

Commissioners Present: Donald Alexander, Randall Bates, Anne Jordan, Roger Katz, Taylor Kilgore, Kimberly Monaghan, Kelly O'Connor, David Soucy, and Joshua Tardy.

PDS Staff Present: Frayla Tarpinian (Executive Director), Ellie Maciag (Deputy Executive Director), and Toby Jandreau (District Defender).

Agenda Item	Discussion/Outcome
Call to Order & Roll Call	Chair Joshua Tardy called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m., noting the meeting was held in a hybrid format with participants at the Cross Office Building and on Zoom. Deputy Director Maciag called the roll and confirmed a quorum was present.
Approval of Minutes	The Commission reviewed the minutes for the December 17, 2025, and January 5, 2026, meetings. Commissioner Alexander moved for approval of both minutes. Chair Tardy seconded the motion. Discussion: Commissioner Jordan noted a correction for the January 5 minutes to list her as present at the top of the document. The motion to approve the minutes with this correction passed unanimously.
Public Hearing: Proposed Rule Chapter 302	Notice of this hearing was given as required. This hearing focused on Chapter 302, governing procedures for funds for experts and investigators. Executive Director Tarpinian explained the following: • The rule codifies existing procedures and clarifies definitions for applicants and attorneys. • The rule states that the client must be financially eligible for these types of funds, meaning, they are entitled to counsel at state expense and are represented by a PDS attorney or, if represented by retained counsel, a determination has been made that they are eligible for these funds. • Specifies the form and content of the application that is sent to the executive director. This is all information that needs to be provided to procurement. • The most significant change is a requirement that invoices be submitted within 10 calendar days from receiving a complete and

	accurate invoice from one of the service providers. This ensures that the service providers are paid promptly. No public testimony was offered in favor, in opposition, or neither for nor against. The hearing closed with February 6, 2026, deadline for written comments.
Executive Director's Operations Report	Operations Report: Executive Director Tarpinian reported: • The number of submitted vouchers are up 9.3%, while the average price per voucher is down about 8.9%. • The Commission is on pace to expend roughly 325,000 hours in fiscal year 2026, which is 20,000 more hours than the previous fiscal year. Executive Director Tarpinian hypothesized that attorneys are billing more frequently due to concerns about a looming budget shortfall. Additionally, as the court backlog of cases decreases, the funds needed to compensate for representation of those cases will be paid out and therefore an increase can be expected. • Executive Director Tarpinian noted that no funds are currently being spent on involuntary commitment cases. Also, the funds expended for the cases covered by PD offices are not included.
Staffing Updates	Staffing Updates: • Successes include filling two positions in Cumberland County office. PDS has welcomed Mackenzie Deveau and Darius Wadia. • Jess Mizzi was hired as parent defense counsel. • The Lewiston office hired for their paralegal position and is now fully staffed. • There is currently one opening in the Capital Region Office in Augusta due to Andrew Dawson being promoted to the District Defender position. • To manage salary savings and expand the applicant pool, two "AD1" attorney positions were reclassified to "AD2" positions, which require fewer years of experience. • Hoping to expand the Aroostook staff since the region is difficult to staff and has high need in terms of the number of cases. No questions or comments.

District Defender's Report	District Defender's Report District Defender Toby Jandreau reported that a written update has been provided to the Commission and he would be happy to take any questions or comments. Commissioner Alexander: Praised the defenders for decreasing the number of cases needing an attorney and providing mentoring to attorneys who are interested in doing this work. Commissioner O'Connor: Appreciated the details that were provided around discovery request issues. Additionally, it would be wonderful if "success stories" could be included in future reports to add a human element to the work that is being done. Commissioner Soucy: • How many jury trials are your attorneys doing in Aroostook County and how does that compare to other parts of the state? • What is the won/loss ratio? District Defender Jandreau highlighted the Aroostook office's success, noting they conducted eight jury trials last year (six acquittals, one split, one conviction). At the upcoming docket call on Monday, there will be five PDS attorneys with close to 20 cases at risk of trial in February. Currently, they are scheduled for five trials in February.
Legislative & Budget Update	Legislative & Budget Update: Executive Director Tarpinian: • The annual report was well received by the legislature on January 15. Specifically, they highlighted the positive nature of the report. Executive Director Tarpinian did highlight the budget shortfall within that report and directly to the legislature. • The bill to address the budget shortfall is LD 2059. There was compelling testimony to the committee on the ramifications of the budget shortfall and it was well received. • Executive Director Tarpinian expressed cautious optimism that the legislature understands the critical need to pay rostered attorneys through the fourth quarter. • LD 1101/§1807 Report: This report provided information on direct court appointments to non PDS eligible counsel. The report provided statistics on what the appointments have done.

	• As a result of the annual report and the LD 1101/§1807 reports, the committee voted to report out three bills out of committee to the revisor's office. Conversations about specific language in those bills are being had. Specifically: ○ The Judicial Branch would like the §1807 authority to continue until February 1, 2028. ○ Language about rostered attorneys. ○ Language about needing consent from an employed public defender to be appointed to a case. ○ Change to §1802 definitions. Language was changed and enacted last session. But the bill was held up by the governor. • Additionally, the legislature enlarged the definition of "indigent legal services," which may provide authority for the Commission's prepetition programs and resource counsel. The prepetition program is currently in the early planning stages. Chair Tardy: Thanked Executive Director Tarpinian for her work at the legislature as well as Commissioner Alexander for his support. He is also cautiously optimistic about the shortfall being addressed. Commissioner Kilgore: Is the pre-petition project on hold or is it up and running? Executive Director Tarpinian: It is not up and running but it could be very shortly. Executive Director Tarpinian expressed that she feels comfortable moving forward unless there was an objection from the Commission. None raised.
Rulemaking Discussion: Chapter 303	The Commission discussed Chapter 303 regarding legal research materials. The rule moves PDS from a reimbursement model to a bulk-purchase model to leverage tax exemptions and volume discounts. Commissioner Alexander recused himself from the discussion and vote. Commissioner Katz: Motion to adopt the rule and accept the detailed basis statement. Chair Tardy: Seconded. Motion prevails. All in favor.

Public Comment	Benjamin Lees shared a success story regarding Attorney John Henderson's quick resolution of a serious case. Robert Ruffner praised Commissioner Bates for a recent case dismissal. He suggested that Defender Data notifications be modified so if the needed information is provided, they are reviewed quickly and the voucher doesn't go to the bottom of a pile. Attorney Ruffner also urged the Commission to discuss a "Plan B" for contractors to secure lines of credit if the budget shortfall isn't resolved. Luca Mellon noted that court clerks sometimes keep withdrawn attorneys as counsel of record, which may artificially lower the reported number of unrepresented clients. The clerks are treating the cases as not having an attorney and not scheduling court events, which is a concern.
Next Meeting & Adjournment	The next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. Chair Tardy declared the meeting adjourned.

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January 2026 Operations Report

- 2,202 new cases were opened in the defenderData system. This was a 32 case decrease from December. Year to date, new cases are down by 2% from last year, from 16,859 at this time last year to 16,500 this year.
- The number of vouchers submitted electronically was 4,961 an increase of 703 vouchers from December, totaling \$4,690,396, an increase of \$631,507 from December. Year to date, the number of submitted vouchers is up by 21% from 25,753 at this time last year to 31,166 this year, with the total amount for submitted vouchers up 7.8%, from \$27,205,230 at this time last year to \$29,334,249 this year.
- We paid 4,772 electronic vouchers totaling \$4,278,088 representing an increase of 217 vouchers and a decrease of \$192,103 compared to December. Year to date, the number of paid vouchers is up 21.3%, from 25,370 vouchers at this time last year to 30,782 this year, and the total amount paid is up 8.1%, from \$26,568,483 this time last year to \$28,732,576 this year.
- The average price per voucher was \$896.52, down \$84.86 per voucher from December. Year to date, the average price per voucher is down 10.8%, from \$1,047.24 at this time last year to \$933.42 this year.
- Child Protection and Drug Court had the highest average voucher total. There were 20 vouchers exceeding \$10,000 paid in January. See attached addendum for details.
- We issued 197 authorizations to expend funds: 88 for private investigators, 75 for experts, and 34 for miscellaneous services such as interpreters and transcriptionists. We paid \$304,879 for experts and investigators, etc. Two requests were denied.
- There were no attorney suspensions.
- In the All Other Account, the total expenses were \$4,978,275. Approximately \$397,401 was devoted to the Commission's operating expenses.
- In the Personal Services Accounts, we had \$779,733 in expenses.
- In the Revenue Account, the Judicial Branch transferred \$15,958 for counsel fee payments.
- As of February 12, 2026, there are 178 rostered attorneys of which 111 are available for trial court level work.
- For the first 7 months of this fiscal year, paid hours are up 6.5% over the same 7-month period last year. January 2026 paid hours are 10.8% higher than January 2025 paid hours.

Paid Hours													
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Yearly Total
FY22	27215	20122	23699	19917	20289	14422	15689	21060	30339	19984	19176	21343	253,255
FY23	19654	22596	21511	21151	20771	19576	23786	18811	22669	19232	27112	22334	259,203
FY24	21550	25799	21317	25400	19983	16857	31200	25274	23804	28726	24288	22486	286,684
FY25	24574	24296	20907	29382	26430	28126	24409	24710	23162	27051	26447	26588	306,081
FY26	30347	26144	29265	26275	21122	29574	27069						189,796

Vouchers over \$10,000 - January 2026

Comment	Voucher Total	Case Total
Homicide	\$49,335.00	\$49,335.00
Gross Sexual Assault	\$30,175.00	\$30,175.00
Burglary	\$24,743.19	\$94,060.34
Theft	\$19,635.00	\$24,120.00
Arson	\$16,297.54	\$16,297.54
Aggravated Trafficking	\$15,661.00	\$15,661.00
Aggravated Trafficking	\$14,545.12	\$14,545.12
Appeal	\$12,180.00	\$12,180.00
Burglary	\$12,049.51	\$12,049.51
Unlawful Sexual Contact	\$11,500.66	\$11,500.66
Child Protection	\$10,890.00	\$15,810.00
Aggravated Assault	\$10,650.00	\$10,650.00
Child Protection	\$10,620.00	\$18,420.00
Homicide	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00
Domestic Violence Aggravated Assault	\$10,470.00	\$13,740.00
Child Protection	\$10,455.00	\$12,608.10
Child Protection	\$10,332.22	\$17,082.22
Child Protection	\$10,273.50	\$10,273.50
Child Protection	\$10,200.00	\$10,200.00
Child Protection	\$10,038.60	\$17,082.22

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February 2026 Operations Report

Figures below are potentially impacted by a 5-day defenderData5 outage when attorneys were unable to enter cases or submit vouchers. Vouchers were also not paid during this period.

- 1,864 new cases were opened in the defenderData system. This was a 338 case decrease from January. Year to date, new cases are down by 4.9% from last year, from 19,311 at this time last year to 18,363 this year.
- The number of vouchers submitted electronically was 3,997, a decrease of 964 vouchers from January, totaling \$4,021,590, an increase of \$668,806 from January. Year to date, the number of submitted vouchers is up by 19.5% from 29,379 at this time last year to 35,126 this year, with the total amount for submitted vouchers up 7.2%, from \$30,961,593 at this time last year to \$33,207,410 this year.
- We paid 4,061 electronic vouchers totaling \$3,801,525 representing a decrease of 711 vouchers and a decrease of \$476,563 compared to January. Year to date, the number of paid vouchers is up 19.5%, from 29,147 vouchers at this time last year to 34,843 this year, and the total amount paid is up 7.6%, from \$30,232,861 this time last year to \$32,534,102 this year.
- The average price per voucher was \$936.11, up \$39.59 per voucher from January. Year to date, the average price per voucher is down 9.9%, from \$1,037.18 at this time last year to \$933.73 this year.
- Child Protection and Drug Court had the highest average voucher total. There were 21 vouchers exceeding \$10,000 paid in January. See attached addendum for details.
- We issued 151 authorizations to expend funds: 72 Private investigators, 38 for experts, and 41 for miscellaneous services such as interpreters and transcriptionists. We paid \$273,738 for experts and investigators, etc. Four requests were denied.
- There was one attorney suspension.
- In the All Other Account, the total expenses were \$4,304,785. Approximately \$229,544 was devoted to the Commission's operating expenses.
- In the Personal Services Accounts, we had \$797,417 in expenses.
- The figures are not available yet for the February revenue transfer from the Judicial Branch for counsel fee payments.
- As of March 3, 2026, there are 177 rostered attorneys of which 117 are available for trial court level work.

- For the first 8 months of this fiscal year, paid hours are up 6.0% over the same 8-month period last year. February 2026 paid hours are 2.8% higher than February 2025 paid hours.

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Vouchers over \$10,000 - February 2026

Comment	Voucher Total	Case Total
Homicide	\$78,669.73	\$78,669.73
Homicide	\$32,076.50	\$38,886.50
Post-Conviction Review	\$30,167.20	\$30,167.20
Homicide	\$22,686.00	\$22,686.00
PV/Operation after Habitual Offender Revocation	\$20,710.33	\$20,710.33
Aggravated Assault	\$20,542.88	\$20,542.88
Termination of Parental Rights	\$20,468.25	\$20,468.25
Child Protection	\$18,591.59	\$39,225.77
Child Protection	\$14,490.00	\$14,490.00
Homicide	\$13,950.00	\$13,950.00
Aggravated Trafficking	\$12,897.12	\$12,897.12
Visual Sexual Aggression against a Child	\$12,645.00	\$12,645.00
Child Protection	\$12,622.50	\$15,619.00
Drug Court liaison	\$12,420.00	\$12,420.00
Drug Court liaison	\$12,375.00	\$12,375.00
Homicide	\$11,687.34	\$20,246.58
Homicide	\$11,647.50	\$25,315.15
Gross Sexual Assault	\$10,595.00	\$10,595.00
Kidnapping	\$10,472.52	\$10,472.52
Child Protection	\$10,424.00	\$14,705.00
Child Protection	\$10,200.00	\$10,200.00

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Activity Report by Case Type

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DefenderData Case Type	Jan-26						Fiscal Year 2026			
	New Cases	Vouchers Submitted	Submitted Amount	Vouchers Paid	Approved Amount	Average Amount	Cases Opened	Vouchers Paid	Amount Paid	Average Amount
Appeal	18	50	\$91,873.09	60	\$ 97,659.14	\$1,627.65	117	349	\$ 733,025.66	\$2,100.36
Central Office Resource Counsel	0	1	\$240.00	3	\$ 1,365.00	\$455.00	0	17	\$ 12,450.00	\$732.35
Child Protection Petition	115	688	\$862,373.14	665	\$ 832,255.23	\$1,251.51	1,014	4,652	\$ 5,593,753.41	\$1,202.44
Drug Court	7	16	\$49,162.16	18	\$ 40,297.58	\$2,238.75	40	123	\$ 250,602.58	\$2,037.42
Emancipation	4	13	\$15,302.15	11	\$ 8,834.85	\$803.17	36	64	\$ 41,053.28	\$641.46
Felony	629	1,717	\$1,968,645.20	1,570	\$ 1,608,162.97	\$1,024.31	4,255	9,847	\$ 10,637,178.74	\$1,080.25
Involuntary Civil Commitment	0	21	\$14,543.28	18	\$ 14,265.00	\$792.50	220	374	\$ 239,631.63	\$640.73
Juvenile	95	146	\$135,571.17	176	\$ 157,394.32	\$894.29	724	1,051	\$ 1,031,878.19	\$981.81
Lawyer of the Day - Custody	269	315	\$213,869.83	355	\$ 242,310.44	\$682.56	2,023	1,990	\$ 1,337,136.68	\$671.93
Lawyer of the Day - Juvenile	3	2	\$930.00	4	\$ 1,800.00	\$450.00	21	20	\$ 8,880.00	\$444.00
Lawyer of the Day - Walk-in	117	103	\$69,099.11	114	\$ 73,223.95	\$642.32	856	854	\$ 562,318.27	\$658.45
PDS Provided Training	14	17	\$14,137.08	21	\$ 41,246.43	\$1,964.12	468	489	\$ 671,222.61	\$1,372.64
Misdemeanor	777	1,549	\$1,018,449.23	1,468	\$ 937,762.96	\$638.80	5,480	8,623	\$ 5,844,606.06	\$677.79
Petition, Modified Release Treatment	1	4	\$2,527.28	1	\$ 1,290.00	\$1,290.00	6	27	\$ 30,933.26	\$1,145.68
Petition, Release or Discharge	0	0		0			0	5	\$ 24,795.21	\$4,959.04
Petition,Termination of Parental Rights	0	0		0			0	8	\$ 23,025.00	\$2,878.13
Post Conviction Review	4	18	\$27,410.80	22	\$ 27,334.30	\$1,242.47	22	208	\$ 254,194.83	\$1,222.09
Probate	0	2	\$1,845.00	1	\$ 885.00	\$885.00	4	19	\$ 17,159.44	\$903.13
Probation Violation	143	272	\$183,343.08	234	\$ 154,236.41	\$659.13	1,056	1,658	\$ 1,121,913.18	\$676.67
Represent Witness on 5th Amendment	3	1	\$1,155.00	3	\$ 2,730.00	\$910.00	13	10	\$ 5,771.54	\$577.15
Resource Counsel Criminal	1	4	\$1,815.00	5	\$ 6,315.00	\$1,263.00	4	34	\$ 28,774.78	\$846.32
Resource Counsel Juvenile	0	1	\$285.00	1	\$ 15.00	\$15.00	0	7	\$ 3,497.76	\$499.68
Resource Counsel Mental Health	0	0		0			0	2	\$ 285.00	\$142.50
Resource Counsel NCR	0	0		0			0	0		
Resource Counsel Protective Custody	0	1	\$555.00	1	\$ 870.00	\$870.00	0	10	\$ 11,835.00	\$1,183.50
Review of Child Protection Order	0	5	\$8,430.00	9	\$ 21,508.50	\$2,389.83	0	67	\$ 105,288.14	\$1,571.46
Revocation of Administrative Release	0	0		0			3	9	\$ 3,735.00	\$415.00
Weapons Restrictions Case	2	15	\$8,835.22	12	\$ 6,326.42	\$527.20	138	265	\$ 137,631.43	\$519.36
TOTAL	2,202	4,961	\$4,690,396.82	4,772	\$ 4,278,088.00	\$896.50	16,500	30,782	\$ 28,732,576.00	\$933.42

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Activity Report by Court

1/31/2026

Court	Jan-26						Fiscal Year 2026			
	New Cases	Vouchers Submitted	Submitted Amount	Vouchers Paid	Approved Amount	Average Amount	Cases Opened	Vouchers Paid	Amount Paid	Average Amount
ALFSC	4	2	\$1,440.00	1	\$ 150.00	\$150.00	18	9	\$ 10,065.00	\$1,118.33
AUBSC	0	4	\$1,935.00	5	\$ 5,520.00	\$1,104.00	10	34	\$ 27,581.43	\$811.22
AUGDC	11	49	\$122,699.45	47	\$ 128,501.38	\$2,734.07	141	327	\$ 645,791.36	\$1,974.90
AUGSC	1	7	\$7,868.28	2	\$ 2,328.18	\$1,164.09	8	30	\$ 47,330.91	\$1,577.70
BANDC	31	90	\$73,767.45	95	\$ 71,574.00	\$753.41	301	682	\$ 670,113.03	\$982.57
BANSC	1	3	\$33,658.57	2	\$ 5,246.39	\$2,623.20	9	15	\$ 40,441.38	\$2,696.09
BATSC	0	1	\$150.00	1	\$ 150.00	\$150.00	1	2	\$ 1,365.00	\$682.50
BELDC	14	41	\$51,147.48	27	\$ 22,614.78	\$837.58	72	185	\$ 280,872.72	\$1,518.23
BELSC	0	0		0			0	0		
BIDDC	27	127	\$105,661.29	100	\$ 72,074.61	\$720.75	296	866	\$ 785,056.34	\$906.53
BRIDC	11	17	\$14,206.95	27	\$ 39,434.26	\$1,460.53	66	171	\$ 203,164.94	\$1,188.10
CALDC	4	10	\$10,219.60	6	\$ 5,419.60	\$903.27	25	58	\$ 40,985.95	\$706.65
CARDC	12	11	\$11,140.32	12	\$ 11,650.32	\$970.86	33	127	\$ 117,226.40	\$923.04
CARSC	0	0		0			2	7	\$ 4,470.00	\$638.57
DOVDC	0	13	\$11,650.56	16	\$ 15,488.76	\$968.05	23	83	\$ 82,013.48	\$988.11
DOVSC	0	1	\$1,147.52	1	\$ 101.00	\$101.00	1	2	\$ 928.18	\$464.09
ELLDC	4	51	\$33,900.00	45	\$ 28,162.23	\$625.83	58	333	\$ 293,167.14	\$880.38
ELLSC	0	0		0			0	1	\$ 322.50	\$322.50
FARDC	7	28	\$32,706.90	25	\$ 26,076.28	\$1,043.05	79	200	\$ 192,452.06	\$962.26
FARSC	3	1	\$615.00	0			3	0		
FORDC	0	10	\$10,875.00	11	\$ 10,500.00	\$954.55	15	69	\$ 53,029.11	\$768.54
HOUDC	4	19	\$15,807.45	20	\$ 16,022.52	\$801.13	36	127	\$ 121,674.32	\$958.07
HOUSC	0	0		0			0	0		
LEWDC	52	155	\$185,304.81	176	\$ 252,686.03	\$1,435.72	379	938	\$ 1,137,794.44	\$1,213.00
LINDC	4	19	\$15,655.18	14	\$ 8,762.26	\$625.88	39	83	\$ 73,898.66	\$890.35
MACDC	1	13	\$10,718.64	9	\$ 5,251.64	\$583.52	11	52	\$ 42,411.08	\$815.60
MACSC	0	0		1	\$ 1,837.71	\$1,837.71	2	3	\$ 10,463.22	\$3,487.74
MADDC	0	0		0			0	5	\$ 24,185.67	\$4,837.13
MILDC	0	3	\$3,067.00	1	\$ 135.00	\$135.00	7	9	\$ 12,854.36	\$1,428.26
NEWDC	12	28	\$18,054.36	31	\$ 23,769.36	\$766.75	67	172	\$ 140,204.75	\$815.14
PORDC	25	108	\$123,033.52	102	\$ 98,469.50	\$965.39	280	1,013	\$ 854,490.42	\$843.52
PORSC	0	4	\$1,182.20	3	\$ 672.20	\$224.07	7	19	\$ 13,650.76	\$718.46
PREDC	4	15	\$10,207.56	17	\$ 14,091.50	\$828.91	41	127	\$ 129,034.99	\$1,016.02
RODC	2	6	\$7,036.84	10	\$ 9,913.79	\$991.38	60	151	\$ 198,414.16	\$1,314.00
ROCSC	0	0		2	\$ 2,968.08	\$1,484.04	1	3	\$ 4,924.02	\$1,641.34
RUMDC	2	27	\$39,009.48	23	\$ 35,045.94	\$1,523.74	38	197	\$ 222,154.31	\$1,127.69
SKODC	5	49	\$51,020.22	67	\$ 78,274.63	\$1,168.28	132	381	\$ 528,571.20	\$1,387.33
SKOSC	1	1	\$1,750.95	1	\$ 1,750.95	\$1,750.95	2	4	\$ 4,415.72	\$1,103.93
SOUDC	4	31	\$28,825.28	25	\$ 20,081.50	\$803.26	59	187	\$ 168,014.25	\$898.47
SOUSC	4	3	\$1,185.00	1	\$ 45.00	\$45.00	7	5	\$ 2,557.50	\$511.50
SPRDC	0	1	\$630.00	3	\$ 1,545.00	\$515.00	12	32	\$ 28,687.50	\$896.48
Law Ct	17	46	\$101,713.09	54	\$ 107,256.72	\$1,986.24	111	301	\$ 665,187.39	\$2,209.92
Training	14	20	\$15,142.08	27	\$ 47,441.43	\$1,757.09	466	517	\$ 701,073.11	\$1,356.04
YORCD	305	565	\$496,634.54	536	\$ 434,862.75	\$811.31	1,898	3,160	\$ 2,940,371.66	\$930.50
ARODC	142	213	\$144,538.03	243	\$ 151,784.25	\$624.63	861	1,519	\$ 1,176,045.47	\$774.22
ANDCD	155	467	\$280,265.52	458	\$ 324,344.79	\$708.18	1,166	3,010	\$ 2,052,386.30	\$681.86
KENCD	161	311	\$255,653.73	276	\$ 245,971.57	\$891.20	1,266	1,647	\$ 1,480,328.90	\$898.80
PENCD	214	429	\$369,585.93	373	\$ 366,733.47	\$983.20	1,403	2,579	\$ 2,295,886.77	\$890.22
SAGCD	29	75	\$72,379.31	62	\$ 56,395.98	\$909.61	277	498	\$ 448,899.43	\$901.40
WALCD	49	86	\$79,448.58	78	\$ 65,007.19	\$833.43	467	570	\$ 528,110.97	\$926.51
PISCD	22	20	\$13,209.00	19	\$ 12,056.44	\$634.55	144	171	\$ 213,055.34	\$1,245.94
HANCD	65	72	\$82,673.40	72	\$ 74,506.74	\$1,034.82	340	437	\$ 390,283.50	\$893.10
FRACD	25	56	\$42,832.58	49	\$ 30,447.32	\$621.37	236	380	\$ 363,432.26	\$956.40
WASCD	39	89	\$88,238.39	40	\$ 41,536.90	\$1,038.42	304	371	\$ 412,957.63	\$1,113.09
CUMCD	374	997	\$907,501.48	965	\$ 804,659.61	\$833.84	2,846	5,308	\$ 4,690,765.47	\$883.72
KNODC	98	94	\$249,665.26	96	\$ 90,864.68	\$946.51	444	545	\$ 525,458.41	\$964.14
SOMCD	81	109	\$119,688.86	132	\$ 129,778.64	\$983.17	636	774	\$ 707,880.78	\$914.57
OXFCD	87	202	\$195,819.66	202	\$ 148,471.92	\$735.01	651	1,284	\$ 1,006,914.13	\$784.20
LINCD	36	74	\$56,561.28	67	\$ 46,928.68	\$700.43	334	419	\$ 329,994.53	\$787.58
WATDC	17	27	\$29,430.46	34	\$ 38,315.24	\$1,126.92	90	198	\$ 244,939.20	\$1,237.07
WESDC	6	28	\$29,828.33	29	\$ 22,553.98	\$777.72	115	230	\$ 199,460.34	\$867.22
WISDC	0	6	\$12,234.00	6	\$ 10,407.96	\$1,734.66	7	76	\$ 95,360.95	\$1,254.75
WISSC	0	0		0			2	2	\$ 3,331.80	\$1,665.90
YORDC	1	17	\$5,198.53	13	\$ 4,466.56	\$343.58	31	45	\$ 28,230.96	\$627.35
TOTAL	2,202	4,961	\$4,690,396.82	4,772	\$4,278,088.50	\$896.50	16,500	30,782	\$28,732,576.68	\$933.42

MAINE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES

Activity Report by Case Type

2/28/2026

DefenderData Case Type	Feb-26						Fiscal Year 2026			
	New Cases	Vouchers Submitted	Submitted Amount	Vouchers Paid	Approved Amount	Average Amount	Cases Opened	Vouchers Paid	Amount Paid	Average Amount
Appeal	16	83	\$156,116.87	76	\$ 127,819.78	\$1,681.84	133	422	\$ 849,700.44	\$2,013.51
Central Office Resource Counsel	0	3	\$1,515.00	2	\$ 1,440.00	\$720.00	0	19	\$ 13,890.00	\$731.05
Child Protection Petition	100	503	\$574,498.25	532	\$ 662,920.97	\$1,246.09	1,114	5,187	\$ 6,267,819.38	\$1,208.37
Drug Court	4	13	\$29,162.96	16	\$ 48,122.54	\$3,007.66	44	139	\$ 298,725.12	\$2,149.10
Emancipation	2	9	\$9,773.78	5	\$ 2,753.18	\$550.64	38	69	\$ 43,806.46	\$634.88
Felony	437	1,364	\$1,752,234.27	1,445	\$ 1,521,339.83	\$1,052.83	4,691	11,291	\$ 12,158,000.67	\$1,076.79
Involuntary Civil Commitment	6	7	\$5,779.44	4	\$ 3,139.04	\$784.76	226	378	\$ 242,770.67	\$642.25
Juvenile	82	195	\$200,387.17	144	\$ 126,506.13	\$878.51	806	1,195	\$ 1,158,384.32	\$969.36
Lawyer of the Day - Custody	252	229	\$149,520.00	202	\$ 126,186.89	\$624.69	2,275	2,192	\$ 1,463,323.57	\$667.57
Lawyer of the Day - Juvenile	1	1	\$450.00	2	\$ 930.00	\$465.00	22	22	\$ 9,810.00	\$445.91
Lawyer of the Day - Walk-in	131	123	\$78,604.06	89	\$ 61,474.81	\$690.73	987	943	\$ 623,793.08	\$661.50
PDS Provided Training	61	41	\$6,082.50	29	\$ 4,312.50	\$148.71	529	518	\$ 675,535.11	\$1,304.12
Misdemeanor	646	1,169	\$814,916.75	1,234	\$ 849,108.02	\$688.09	6,125	9,858	\$ 6,694,231.98	\$679.07
Petition, Modified Release Treatment	0	2	\$3,217.28	4	\$ 2,527.28	\$631.82	6	31	\$ 33,460.54	\$1,079.37
Petition, Release or Discharge	0	0		0			0	5	\$ 24,795.21	\$4,959.04
Petition,Termination of Parental Rights	0	1	\$9,270.00	1	\$ 20,468.25	\$20,468.25	0	9	\$ 43,493.25	\$4,832.58
Post Conviction Review	1	36	\$68,746.07	29	\$ 74,842.48	\$2,580.78	23	237	\$ 329,037.31	\$1,388.34
Probate	0	1	\$701.50	2	\$ 1,661.50	\$830.75	4	21	\$ 18,820.94	\$896.24
Probation Violation	121	193	\$136,394.89	220	\$ 154,813.99	\$703.70	1,178	1,878	\$ 1,276,727.17	\$679.83
Represent Witness on 5th Amendment	2	2	\$2,754.52	0			15	10	\$ 5,771.54	\$577.15
Resource Counsel Criminal	0	4	\$1,290.00	4	\$ 1,215.00	\$303.75	4	38	\$ 29,989.78	\$789.20
Resource Counsel Juvenile	0	1	\$15.00	2	\$ 300.00	\$150.00	0	9	\$ 3,797.76	\$421.97
Resource Counsel Mental Health	0	0		0			0	2	\$ 285.00	\$142.50
Resource Counsel NCR	0	0		0			0	0		
Resource Counsel Protective Custody	0	2	\$1,425.00	1	\$ 555.00	\$555.00	0	11	\$ 12,390.00	\$1,126.36
Review of Child Protection Order	0	4	\$15,416.96	4	\$ 2,970.00	\$742.50	0	71	\$ 108,258.14	\$1,524.76
Revocation of Administrative Release	0	2	\$1,593.60	1	\$ 1,158.60	\$1,158.60	3	10	\$ 4,893.60	\$489.36
Weapons Restrictions Case	2	9	\$1,725.00	13	\$ 4,959.80	\$381.52	140	278	\$ 142,591.23	\$512.92
TOTAL	1,864	3,997	\$4,021,590.87	4,061	\$ 3,801,525.59	\$936.11	18,363	34,843	\$ 32,534,102.27	\$933.73

MAINE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES

Activity Report by Court

2/28/2026

Court	Feb-26						Fiscal Year 2026			
	New Cases	Vouchers Submitted	Submitted Amount	Vouchers Paid	Approved Amount	Average Amount	Cases Opened	Vouchers Paid	Amount Paid	Average Amount
ALFSC	2	2	\$2,325.00	1	\$ 1,290.00	\$1,290.00	20	10	\$ 11,355.00	\$1,135.50
AUBSC	0	2	\$60.00	2	\$ 615.00	\$307.50	10	36	\$ 28,196.43	\$783.23
AUGDC	14	29	\$41,472.65	30	\$ 89,130.75	\$2,971.03	155	357	\$ 734,922.11	\$2,058.61
AUGSC	1	3	\$4,030.00	6	\$ 6,830.10	\$1,138.35	9	36	\$ 54,161.01	\$1,504.47
BANDC	23	39	\$33,980.50	52	\$ 41,268.45	\$793.62	324	734	\$ 711,381.48	\$969.18
BANSC	0	0		3	\$ 33,658.57	\$11,219.52	9	18	\$ 74,099.95	\$4,116.66
BATSC	0	0		0			1	2	\$ 1,365.00	\$682.50
BELDC	3	35	\$46,727.34	51	\$ 69,283.00	\$1,358.49	75	236	\$ 350,155.72	\$1,483.71
BELSC	0	1	\$210.00	1	\$ 210.00	\$210.00	0	1	\$ 210.00	\$210.00
BIDDC	21	99	\$75,162.00	108	\$ 79,731.51	\$738.25	319	974	\$ 864,787.85	\$887.87
BRIDC	12	23	\$18,895.04	11	\$ 6,039.92	\$549.08	76	182	\$ 209,204.86	\$1,149.48
CALDC	2	5	\$3,885.00	10	\$ 7,755.00	\$775.50	27	68	\$ 48,740.95	\$716.78
CARDC	1	18	\$13,836.60	20	\$ 14,190.00	\$709.50	34	147	\$ 131,416.40	\$893.99
CARSC	0	0		0			2	7	\$ 4,470.00	\$638.57
DOVDC	1	2	\$1,725.00	4	\$ 2,740.56	\$685.14	24	87	\$ 84,754.04	\$974.18
DOVSC	0	0		1	\$ 1,147.52	\$1,147.52	1	3	\$ 2,075.70	\$691.90
ELLDC	8	29	\$22,030.70	39	\$ 29,319.34	\$751.78	66	372	\$ 322,486.48	\$866.90
ELLSC	0	0		0			0	1	\$ 322.50	\$322.50
FARDC	11	24	\$31,202.51	21	\$ 23,967.14	\$1,141.29	90	221	\$ 216,419.20	\$979.27
FARSC	1	2	\$1,837.65	3	\$ 2,452.65	\$ 817.55	4	3	\$ 2,452.65	\$817.55
FORDC	0	6	\$2,460.00	8	\$ 5,940.00	\$742.50	15	77	\$ 58,969.11	\$765.83
HOUDC	1	22	\$13,770.00	21	\$ 15,792.45	\$752.02	37	148	\$ 137,466.77	\$928.83
HOUSC	0	0		0			0	0		
LEWDC	37	130	\$164,345.51	110	\$ 128,570.82	\$1,168.83	416	1,048	\$ 1,266,365.26	\$1,208.36
LINDC	2	10	\$13,700.82	18	\$ 18,032.02	\$1,001.78	41	101	\$ 91,930.68	\$910.20
MACDC	0	4	\$5,700.00	10	\$ 10,177.00	\$1,017.70	11	62	\$ 52,588.08	\$848.19
MACSC	0	0		0			2	3	\$ 10,463.22	\$3,487.74
MADDC	0	2	\$ 10,282.70	0			0	5	\$ 24,185.67	\$4,837.13
MILDC	0	0		2	\$ 2,932.00	\$1,466.00	7	11	\$ 15,786.36	\$1,435.12
NEWDC	12	12	\$5,947.70	18	\$ 7,882.50	\$437.92	79	190	\$ 148,087.25	\$779.41
PORDC	25	97	\$110,174.29	65	\$ 114,288.00	\$1,758.28	305	1,078	\$ 968,778.42	\$898.68
PORSC	0	3	\$1,455.00	3	\$ 1,605.00	\$535.00	7	22	\$ 15,255.76	\$693.44
PREDC	1	26	\$15,722.80	27	\$ 15,557.80	\$576.21	42	154	\$ 144,592.79	\$938.91
RODC	3	16	\$30,248.30	12	\$ 13,610.10	\$1,134.18	63	163	\$ 212,024.26	\$1,300.76
ROCSC	0	0		0			1	3	\$ 4,924.02	\$1,641.34
RUMDC	8	29	\$28,355.82	18	\$ 17,127.98	\$951.55	46	215	\$ 239,282.29	\$1,112.94
SKODC	23	33	\$66,465.86	27	\$ 34,167.20	\$1,265.45	155	408	\$ 562,738.40	\$1,379.26
SKOSC	0	0		0			2	4	\$ 4,415.72	\$1,103.93
SODUC	3	25	\$21,177.26	26	\$ 24,782.48	\$953.17	62	213	\$ 192,796.73	\$905.15
SOUSC	1	3	\$88,888.23	4	\$ 80,259.73	\$20,064.93	8	9	\$ 82,817.23	\$9,201.91
SPRDC	2	1	\$855.00	1	\$ 855.00	\$855.00	14	33	\$ 29,542.50	\$895.23
Law Ct	14	78	\$143,808.34	72	\$ 116,186.25	\$1,613.70	126	373	\$ 781,373.64	\$2,094.84
Training	60	45	\$8,677.50	32	\$ 6,592.50	\$206.02	526	549	\$ 707,665.61	\$1,289.01
YORCD	261	474	\$440,936.83	453	\$ 441,824.03	\$975.33	2,159	3,614	\$ 3,383,447.79	\$936.21
ARODC	109	216	\$165,702.28	206	\$ 163,816.30	\$795.22	969	1,725	\$ 1,339,861.77	\$776.73
ANDCD	118	353	\$250,211.23	382	\$ 279,833.33	\$732.55	1,284	3,392	\$ 2,332,219.63	\$687.56
KENCD	88	193	\$153,353.48	237	\$ 192,610.44	\$812.70	1,354	1,884	\$ 1,672,939.34	\$887.97
PENCD	159	275	\$267,966.11	324	\$ 219,721.47	\$678.15	1,562	2,903	\$ 2,515,608.24	\$866.55
SAGCD	42	64	\$53,528.20	69	\$ 67,442.81	\$977.43	319	567	\$ 516,342.24	\$910.66
WALCD	56	93	\$93,373.32	90	\$ 79,289.46	\$880.99	523	660	\$ 607,400.43	\$920.30
PISCD	11	21	\$22,233.10	14	\$ 13,569.84	\$969.27	155	185	\$ 226,625.18	\$1,225.00
HANCD	27	44	\$47,387.48	45	\$ 34,142.24	\$758.72	367	482	\$ 424,425.74	\$880.55
FRACD	35	42	\$28,198.20	52	\$ 39,196.88	\$753.79	271	432	\$ 402,629.14	\$932.01
WASCD	36	50	\$53,839.20	91	\$ 111,178.49	\$1,221.74	340	462	\$ 524,136.12	\$1,134.49
CUMCD	337	778	\$849,379.52	733	\$ 613,630.50	\$837.15	3,182	6,040	\$ 5,303,143.87	\$878.00
KNODC	77	90	\$121,652.20	94	\$ 111,685.27	\$1,188.14	521	639	\$ 637,143.68	\$997.09
SOMCD	52	102	\$100,365.44	79	\$ 77,389.00	\$979.61	688	853	\$ 785,269.78	\$920.60
OXFCD	82	179	\$130,234.62	175	\$ 159,804.98	\$913.17	733	1,459	\$ 1,166,719.11	\$799.67
LINCD	33	74	\$116,153.94	89	\$ 81,659.76	\$917.53	367	508	\$ 411,654.29	\$810.34
WATDC	15	33	\$38,341.43	28	\$ 30,865.04	\$1,102.32	105	226	\$ 275,804.24	\$1,220.37
WESDC	12	36	\$35,973.12	38	\$ 40,238.93	\$1,058.92	127	268	\$ 239,699.27	\$894.40
WISDC	2	7	\$9,912.90	7	\$ 10,760.09	\$1,537.16	9	83	\$ 106,121.04	\$1,278.57
WISSC	0	0		0			2	2	\$ 3,331.80	\$1,665.90
YORDC	6	8	\$4,110.00	9	\$ 2,115.00	\$235.00	37	54	\$ 30,345.96	\$561.96
TOTAL	1,864	3,997	\$4,021,590.87	4,061	\$3,801,525.59	\$936.11	18,363	34,843	\$32,534,102.27	\$933.73

STATEMENT OF ALLOTMENTS/BUDGET Maine
Commission on Public Defense Services
FY26 As of 01/31/2026

Fund Account Name

GENERAL

010 MAINE COMMISSION

	Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter 3		Quarter 4		Total	
	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
Object Class	PS	AO	PS	AO	PS	AO	PS	AO	PS	AO
Budget/Allotment	2,338,782.00	15,234,914.00	2,654,103.00	12,433,665.00	4,558,688.00	14,365,485.00	685,206.00	547,189.00	10,236,779.00	42,581,253.00
Expenditures to date	(2,338,781.78)	(14,188,190.33)	(2,654,102.90)	(12,530,668.23)	(779,733.63)	(4,978,275.48)	-	-	(5,772,618.31)	(31,697,134.04)
Encumbrances		(1,046,722.31)		97,003.22		154,578.08		-		(795,141.01)
Total Available Allotment	0.22	1.36	0.10	(0.01)	3,778,954.37	9,541,787.60	685,206.00	547,189.00	4,464,160.69	10,088,977.95

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE F

014 MAINE COMMISSION

	Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter 3		Quarter 4		Total	
	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
Object Class	PS	AO	PS	AO	PS	AO	PS	AO	PS	AO
Budget/Allotment	-	55,117.00	-	(47,394.00)	-	330,980.00	-	66,666.00	-	405,369.00
Expenditures to date	-	(40,089.74)	-	40,089.74	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encumbrances		(15,025.75)		7,304.94		-		-		(7,720.81)
Total Available Allotment	-	1.51	-	0.68	-	\$330,980.00	-	\$66,666.00	-	\$397,648.19

		PS	All Other Expenditures																			Total All Other	Expenditures
		PROF. SERVICES, NOT BY STATE	PROF. SERVICES, BY STATE	TRAVEL EXPENSES, IN STATE	TRAVEL EXPENSES, OUT OF STATE	UTILITY SERVICES	RENTS	REPAIRS	INSURANCE	GENERAL OPERATIONS	EMPLOYEE TRAINING	COMMODITIES - FOOD	TECHNOLOGY	CLOTHING	EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY	OFFICE & OTHER SUPPLIES	LABOR AND INS CLIENT BENEFITS	ASSISTANCE AND RELIEF GRANT	CHARGES TO ASSETS AND LIAB.	TELECOMMU NICATIONS			
		31-39	40	41	42	43	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	53	54	55	56	65	67	90	95		
Budget		10,236,779.00	22,336,015.00	18,698,571.00	229,990.00	-	-	75,000.00	-	3,760.00	58,850.00	7,900.00	-	1,103,515.00	-	18,979.00	43,673.00	-	-	5,000.00	42,581,253.00	52,818,032.00	
Jul-25	1	958,692.39	5,088,111.07	24,744.24	3,113.42	-	-	26,368.72	-	9,502.81	141,664.30	1,125.00	7,222.55	103,018.06	-	-	4,905.12	-	-	785.00	2,167.00	5,412,727.29	6,371,419.68
Aug-25	2	671,020.24	3,858,988.20	33.00	7,349.04	-	-	818.50	-	-	109,415.38	820.64	12,275.35	23,839.20	-	600.00	14,989.31	45.89	-	300.00	-	4,029,474.51	4,700,494.75
Sep-25	3	709,069.15	4,560,907.85	-	2,427.68	-	16.00	-	-	225.00	112,990.70	4,630.00	-	56,561.83	156.50	-	7,934.97	-	-	150.00	-	4,745,988.53	5,455,057.68
Oct-25	4	764,732.76	3,957,517.65	24,744.24	5,489.51	-	-	-	-	18.15	114,727.39	900.00	-	89,781.72	156.44	224.97	7,018.35	-	-	-	147.15	4,200,725.57	4,965,458.33
Nov-25	5	779,329.10	3,229,029.34	-	11,383.59	1,110.23	40.88	32,894.97	15.12	-	152,567.30	7,689.26	28,907.59	18,358.00	-	(109.98)	12,738.81	-	48.25	-	-	3,494,673.36	4,274,002.46
Dec-25	6	1,110,041.04	4,553,885.61	-	8,130.86	157.68	-	31,517.01	-	-	180,570.40	(650.00)	-	57,550.87	-	-	4,105.87	-	-	1.00	-	4,835,269.30	5,945,310.34
Jan-26	7	779,733.63	4,483,473.98	24,744.24	4,807.35	-	-	286,011.15	-	-	124,442.31	94.07	-	49,004.54	-	-	5,695.84	-	-	2.00	-	4,978,275.48	5,758,009.11
Feb-26	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Mar-26	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Apr-26	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
May-26	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Jun-26	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenditures		5,772,618.31	29,731,913.70	74,265.72	42,701.45	1,267.91	56.88	377,610.35	15.12	9,745.96	936,377.78	14,608.97	48,405.49	398,114.22	300.94	714.99	57,388.27	45.89	48.25	1,238.00	2,314.15	31,697,134.04	37,469,752.35
Encumbrances		-	490,434.66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	534.03	18,000.00	9,511.55	187,179.01	-	-	89,481.76	-	-	-	-	795,141.01	795,141.01
Estimated Remaining Expenses		3,974,383.20	22,500,000.00	24,744.24	30,501.04	905.65	40.63	269,721.68	10.80	6,961.40	668,841.27	10,434.98	34,575.35	284,367.30	214.96	510.71	40,991.62	32.78	34.46	884.29	1,652.96	23,875,426.11	27,849,809.31
Total Estimated Expenses		9,747,001.51	52,722,348.36	99,009.96	73,202.49	2,173.56	97.51	647,332.03	25.92	16,707.36	1,605,753.08	43,043.95	92,492.39	869,660.53	515.90	1,225.70	187,861.65	78.67	82.71	2,122.29	3,967.11	56,367,701.16	66,114,702.67
Remaining Funds Available		489,777.49	(30,386,333.36)	18,599,561.04	156,787.51	(2,173.56)	(97.51)	(572,332.03)	(25.92)	(12,947.36)	(1,546,903.08)	(35,143.95)	(92,492.39)	233,854.47	(515.90)	17,753.30	(144,188.65)	(78.67)	(82.71)	(2,122.29)	1,032.89	(13,786,448.16)	(13,296,670.67)

Sum of Expended Amount		Fund 010 Z11201	Approp Grand Total
Object Revenue	Object Name		
4005	READER & INTERPRETER SERV	4,441.63	4,441.63
4031	INSPECT & INVESTIGATION	41,009.18	41,009.18
4040	COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS	4,275,994.50	4,275,994.50
4046	MEDICAL SERVICES	41,142.22	41,142.22
4047	PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION	78,565.00	78,565.00
4056	RESEARCH SERVICES	1,010.00	1,010.00
4075	CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES	19,867.09	19,867.09
4099	MISC PROF FEES & SPEC SRV	21,444.36	21,444.36
4105	SERVICE CENTER	24,744.24	24,744.24
4270	AUTO MILEAGE-GEN IN STATE	3,397.74	3,397.74
4271	OTHER TRANSPORTATION	81.25	81.25
4273	HOTEL ROOM & LODGING	1,163.81	1,163.81
4274	MEALS AND GRATUITIES	164.55	164.55
4606	RENT BUILDINGS AND OFFICE	286,011.15	286,011.15
4911	POSTAGE	696.92	696.92
4913	INTRAGOVERNMENTAL SERVICE	63.14	63.14
4922	WASTE RECYCLING	30.00	30.00
4930	TRANSCRIPTS	4,482.50	4,482.50
4946	ADVERTISING NOTICES	274.82	274.82
4959	EXPERT WITNESS FEES	113,794.93	113,794.93
4983	DUES	5,100.00	5,100.00
5002	REGISTRATION FEE-STATE	94.07	94.07
5301	OIT PROFESSIONAL CHARGES	1,032.94	1,032.94
5302	TELEPHONE SERVICE	3,132.52	3,132.52
5304	CELLULAR PHONE SERVICE	5,571.73	5,571.73
5310	IT END USER SERVICES	17,141.05	17,141.05
5312	IT CONSULTING-NON STATE	7,578.00	7,578.00
5315	IT APPLICATIONS-BY STATE	3,359.61	3,359.61
5331	NETWORK ACCESS	145.62	145.62
5341	LEASE PURCHASE HARDWARE/SYSTEM	1,076.55	1,076.55
5355	SOFTWARE MAINT / LICENSES	8,917.85	8,917.85
5370	MINOR IT EQUIPMENT	1,048.67	1,048.67
5602	OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,950.78	3,950.78
5627	PURCHASE OF BOOKS	1,108.63	1,108.63
5636	MISC SUPPLIES	636.43	636.43
9009	MISC BILLING	2.00	2.00
Grand Total		4,978,275.48	4,978,275.48

STATEMENT OF ALLOTMENTS/BUDGET
Maine Commission on Public Defense Services
FY26 As of 02/28/2026

Fund Account Name

GENERAL

010 MAINE COMMISSION

	Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter 3		Quarter 4		Total	
Object Class	1 PS	2 AO	1 PS	2 AO	1 PS	2 AO	1 PS	2 AO	1 PS	2 AO
Budget/Allotment	2,338,782.00	15,234,914.00	2,654,103.00	12,433,665.00	4,558,688.00	14,365,485.00	685,206.00	547,189.00	10,236,779.00	42,581,253.00
Expenditures to date	(2,338,781.78)	(14,188,190.33)	(2,654,102.90)	(12,530,668.23)	(1,577,150.93)	(9,283,060.93)	-	-	(6,570,035.61)	(36,001,919.49)
Encumbrances		(1,046,722.31)		97,003.22		200,432.69		-		(749,286.40)
Total Available Allotment	0.22	1.36	0.10	(0.01)	2,981,537.07	5,282,856.76	685,206.00	547,189.00	3,666,743.39	5,830,047.11

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

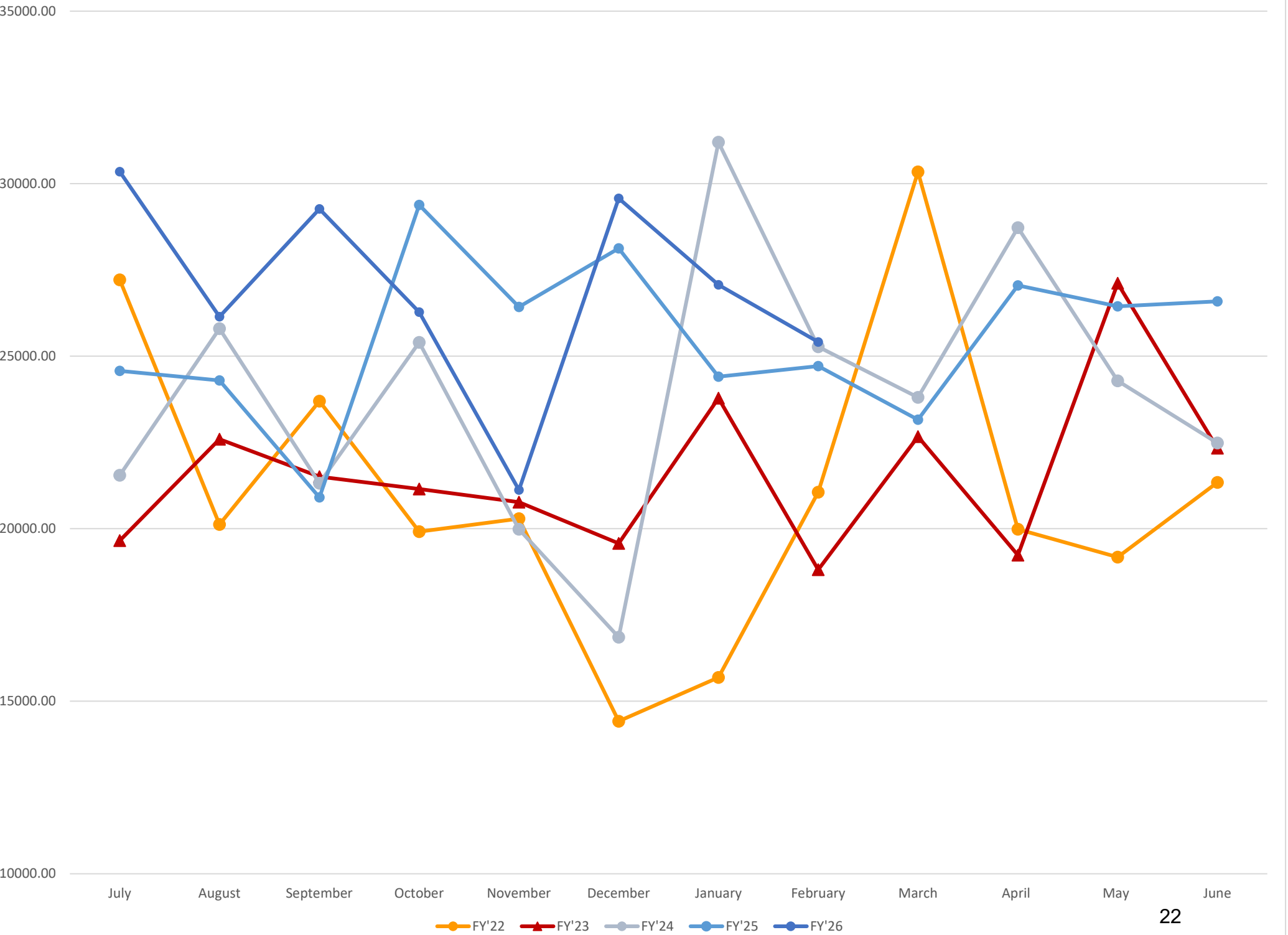
014 MAINE COMMISSION

	Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter 3		Quarter 4		Total	
Object Class	1 PS	2 AO	1 PS	2 AO	1 PS	2 AO	1 PS	2 AO	1 PS	2 AO
Budget/Allotment	-	55,117.00	-	(47,394.00)	-	330,980.00	-	66,666.00	-	405,369.00
Expenditures to date	-	(40,089.74)	-	40,089.74	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encumbrances		(15,025.75)		7,304.94		-		-		(7,720.81)
Total Available Allotment	-	1.51	-	0.68	-	\$330,980.00	-	\$66,666.00	-	\$397,648.19

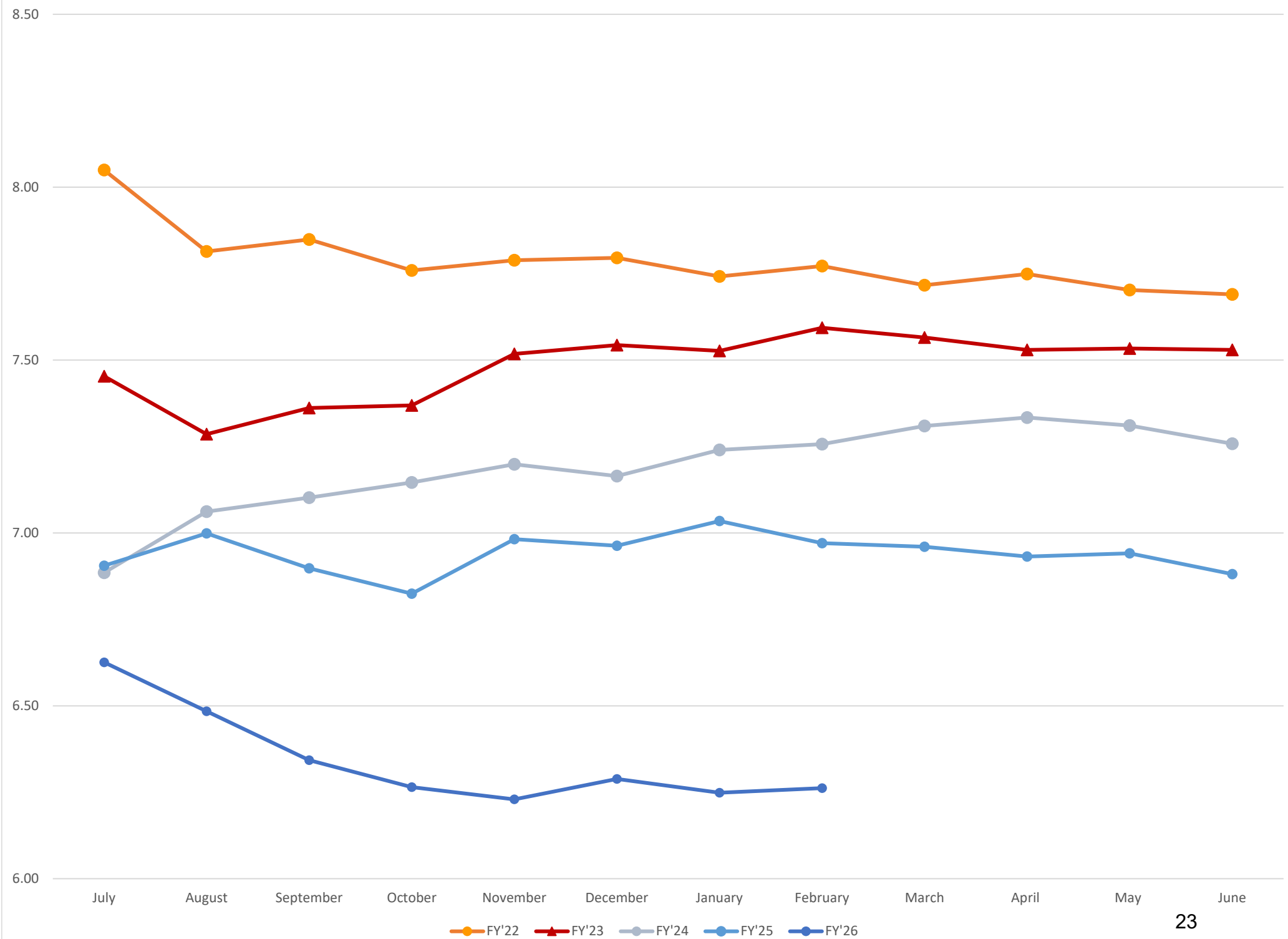
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		PROF. SERVICES, NOT BY STATE	PROF. SERVICES, BY STATE	TRAVEL EXPENSES, IN STATE	EXPENSES, OUT OF STATE	UTILITY SERVICES	RENTS	REPAIRS	INSURANCE	GENERAL OPERATIONS	EMPLOYEE TRAINING	COMMODITIES - FOOD	TECHNOLOGY	CLOTHING	EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY	OFFICE & OTHER SUPPLIES	HIGHWAY MATERIAL S	LABOR AND INS CLIENT BENEFITS	ASSISTANCE AND RELIEF GRANT	CHARGES TO ASSETS AND LIAB.	TELECOMMU NICATIONS			
		31-39	40	41	42	43	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	53	54	55	56	58	65	67	90	95		
Budget		10,236,779.00	22,336,015.00	18,698,571.00	229,990.00	-	-	75,000.00	-	3,760.00	58,850.00	7,900.00	-	1,103,515.00	-	18,979.00	43,673.00	-	-	-	-	5,000.00	42,581,253.00	52,818,032.00
Jul-25	1	958,692.39	5,088,111.07	24,744.24	3,113.42	-	-	26,368.72	-	9,502.81	141,664.30	1,125.00	7,222.55	103,018.06	-	-	4,905.12	-	-	-	785.00	2,167.00	5,412,727.29	6,371,419.68
Aug-25	2	671,020.24	3,858,988.20	33.00	7,349.04	-	-	818.50	-	-	109,415.38	820.64	12,275.35	23,839.20	-	600.00	14,989.31	-	45.89	-	300.00	-	4,029,474.51	4,700,494.75
Sep-25	3	709,069.15	4,560,907.85	-	2,427.68	-	16.00	-	-	225.00	112,990.70	4,630.00	-	56,561.83	144.50	-	7,934.97	-	-	-	150.00	-	4,745,988.53	5,455,057.68
Oct-25	4	764,732.76	3,957,517.65	24,744.24	5,489.51	-	-	-	-	18.15	114,727.39	900.00	-	89,781.72	156.44	224.97	7,018.35	-	-	-	-	147.15	4,200,725.57	4,965,458.33
Nov-25	5	779,329.10	3,229,029.34	-	11,383.59	1,110.23	40.88	32,894.97	15.12	-	152,567.30	7,689.26	28,907.59	18,358.00	-	(109.98)	12,738.81	-	-	48.25	-	-	3,494,673.36	4,274,002.46
Dec-25	6	1,110,041.04	4,553,885.61	-	8,130.86	157.68	-	31,517.01	-	-	180,570.40	(650.00)	-	57,550.87	-	-	4,105.87	-	-	-	1.00	-	4,835,269.30	5,945,310.34
Jan-26	7	779,733.63	4,483,473.98	24,744.24	4,807.35	-	-	286,011.15	-	-	124,442.31	94.07	-	49,004.54	-	-	5,695.84	-	-	-	2.00	-	4,978,275.48	5,758,009.11
Feb-26	8	797,417.30	3,926,908.37	-	3,284.17	-	32.00	54,948.22	-	-	148,425.08	8,970.00	-	55,518.33	-	-	106,548.44	28.39	-	111.45	11.00	-	4,304,785.45	5,102,202.75
Mar-26	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-26	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-26	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-26	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures		6,570,035.61	33,658,822.07	74,265.72	45,985.62	1,267.91	88.88	432,558.57	15.12	9,745.96	1,084,802.86	23,578.97	48,405.49	453,632.55	300.94	714.99	163,936.71	28.39	45.89	159.70	1,249.00	2,314.15	36,001,919.49	42,571,955.10
Encumbrances		-	450,067.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	534.03	15,500.00	9,511.55	184,191.96	-	-	89,481.76	-	-	-	-	-	749,286.40	749,286.40
Estimated Remaining Expenses		3,204,953.28	18,000,000.00	24,744.24	22,992.81	633.96	44.44	216,279.29	7.56	4,872.98	542,401.43	11,789.49	24,202.75	226,816.28	150.47	357.50	81,968.36	14.20	22.95	79.85	624.50	1,157.08	19,159,160.09	22,364,113.37
Total Estimated Expenses		9,774,988.89	52,108,889.17	99,009.96	68,978.43	1,901.87	133.32	648,837.86	22.68	14,618.94	1,627,738.32	50,868.46	82,119.79	864,640.79	451.41	1,072.49	335,386.83	42.59	68.84	239.55	1,873.50	3,471.23	55,910,365.98	65,685,354.87
Remaining Funds Available		461,790.11	(29,772,874.17)	18,599,561.04	161,011.57	(1,901.87)	(133.32)	(573,837.86)	(22.68)	(10,858.94)	(1,568,888.32)	(42,968.46)	(82,119.79)	238,874.22	(451.41)	17,906.52	(291,713.83)	(42.59)	(68.84)	(239.55)	(1,873.50)	1,528.78	(13,329,112.98)	(12,867,322.87)

Sum of Expended Amount		Fund 010	Approp Grand Total
Object Revenue	Object Name	Z11201	
4005	READER & INTERPRETER SERV	5,975.32	5,975.32
4031	INSPECT & INVESTIGATION	33,269.81	33,269.81
4040	COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS	3,801,385.59	3,801,385.59
4047	PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION	41,650.00	41,650.00
4075	CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES	25,515.92	25,515.92
4095	MEDICAL REPORTS	116.65	116.65
4099	MISC PROF FEES & SPEC SRV	18,995.08	18,995.08
4270	AUTO MILEAGE-GEN IN STATE	2,896.02	2,896.02
4271	OTHER TRANSPORTATION	15.35	15.35
4273	HOTEL ROOM & LODGING	311.30	311.30
4275	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	61.50	61.50
4532	BOTTLED WATER	32.00	32.00
4606	RENT BUILDINGS AND OFFICE	54,696.22	54,696.22
4651	MISC RENTS	252.00	252.00
4911	POSTAGE	1,358.28	1,358.28
4912	BUS REPLY & POSTAGE DUE	0.87	0.87
4913	INTRAGOVERNMENTAL SERVICE	217.45	217.45
4922	WASTE RECYCLING	42.50	42.50
4929	PRINTING AND BINDING	570.40	570.40
4930	TRANSCRIPTS	30,157.94	30,157.94
4946	ADVERTISING NOTICES	1,682.65	1,682.65
4959	EXPERT WITNESS FEES	112,499.07	112,499.07
4974	TUITION EXP OTHER THAN ST	265.92	265.92
4983	DUES	1,630.00	1,630.00
5001	REGISTRATION FEE-NON STATE	650.00	650.00
5002	REGISTRATION FEE-STATE	320.00	320.00
5022	FILMS/MATERIALS	8,000.00	8,000.00
5301	OIT PROFESSIONAL CHARGES	12,962.75	12,962.75
5302	TELEPHONE SERVICE	6,574.94	6,574.94
5310	IT END USER SERVICES	17,340.63	17,340.63
5311	IT SERVICES-NON STATE	91.81	91.81
5312	IT CONSULTING-NON STATE	2,987.05	2,987.05
5315	IT APPLICATIONS-BY STATE	3,635.99	3,635.99
5318	WEB SITE SERVICES	1,443.75	1,443.75
5331	NETWORK ACCESS	145.62	145.62
5341	LEASE PURCHASE HARDWARE/SYSTEM	1,325.87	1,325.87
5346	PC & NETWORKING SOFTWARE/LICENSE	120.00	120.00
5355	SOFTWARE MAINT / LICENSES	8,554.28	8,554.28
5370	MINOR IT EQUIPMENT	335.64	335.64
5600	OFFICE & OTHER SUPPLIES	59.49	59.49
5602	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,579.96	2,579.96
5627	PURCHASE OF BOOKS	5,563.91	5,563.91
5636	MISC SUPPLIES	1,011.85	1,011.85
5650	MISC OFFICE EQUIPMENT	96,653.23	96,653.23
5656	MODULAR FURNITURE	680.00	680.00
5825	HARDWARE NAILS BOLTS ETC	28.39	28.39
6755	MEDICAL REPORTS/RECORDS	111.45	111.45
9009	MISC BILLING	11.00	11.00
Grand Total		4,304,785.45	4,304,785.45

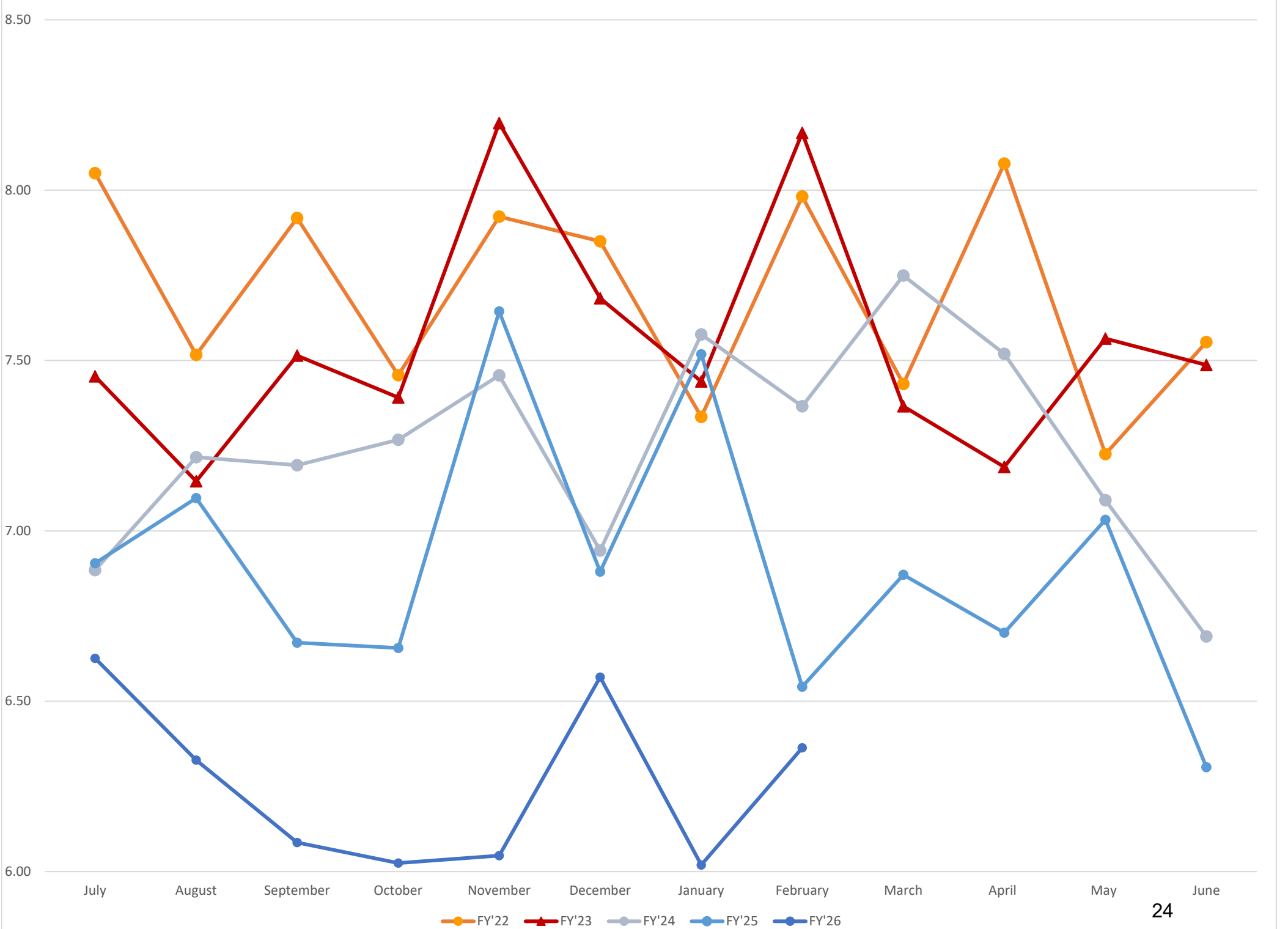
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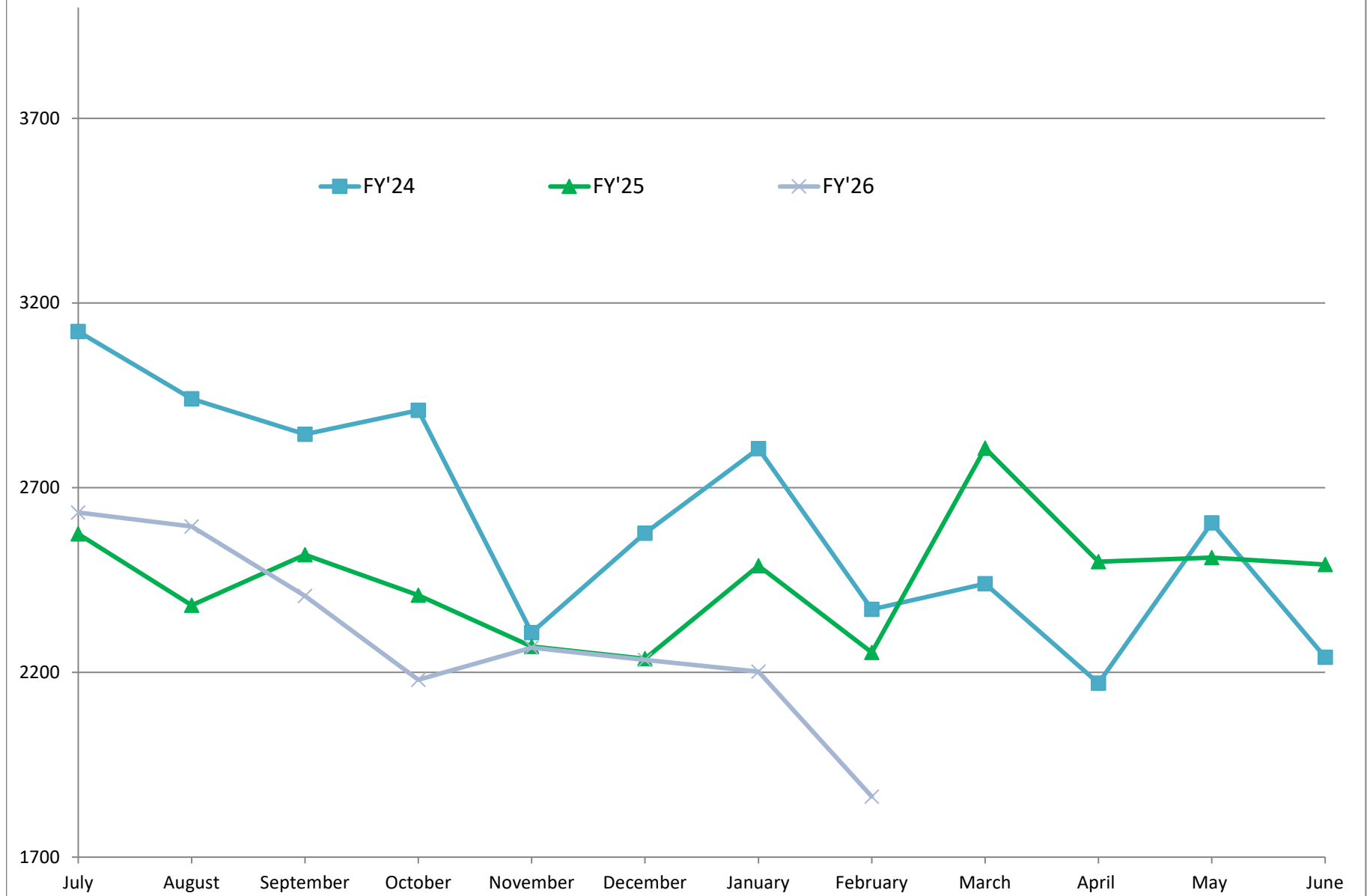
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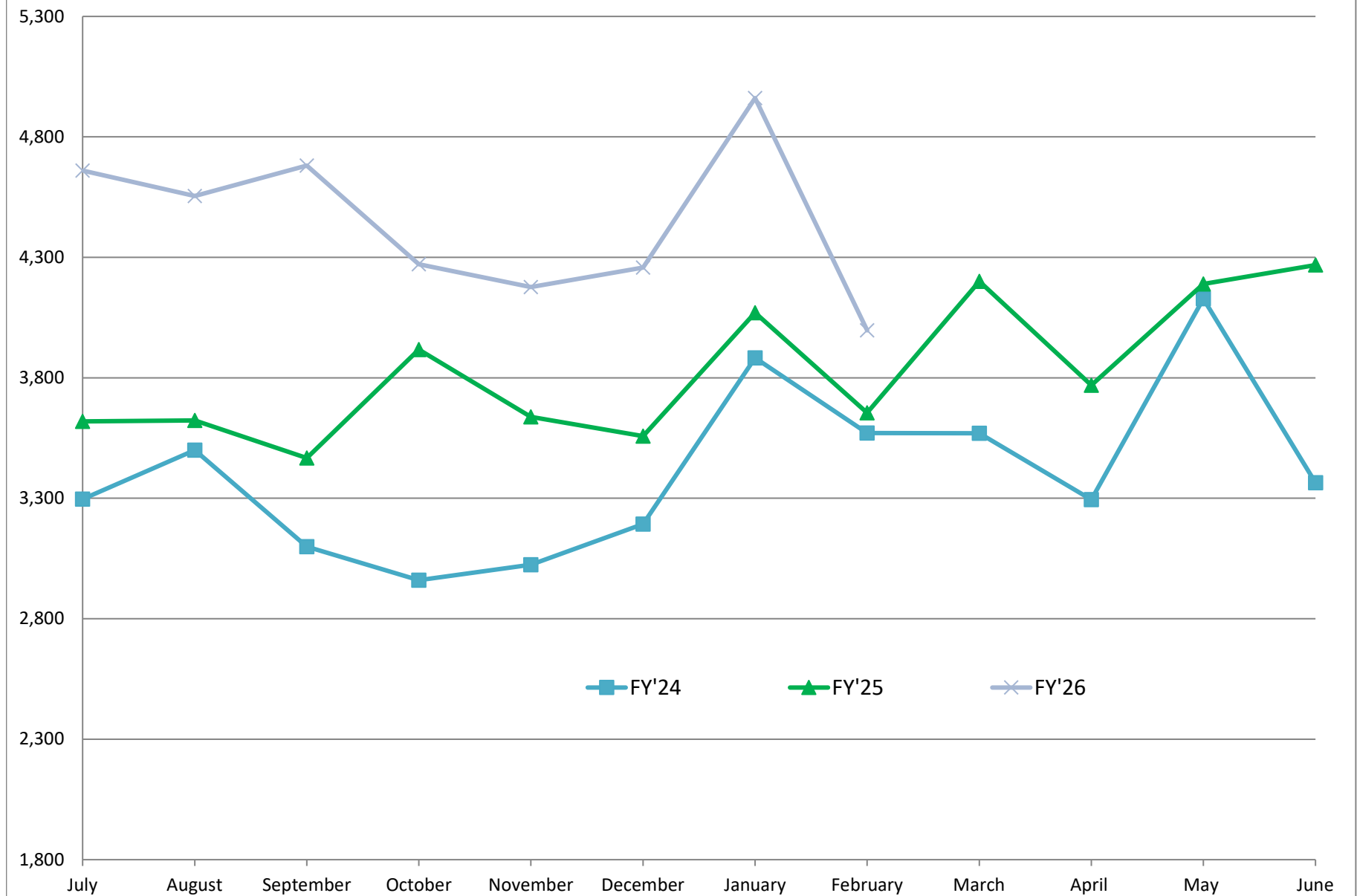
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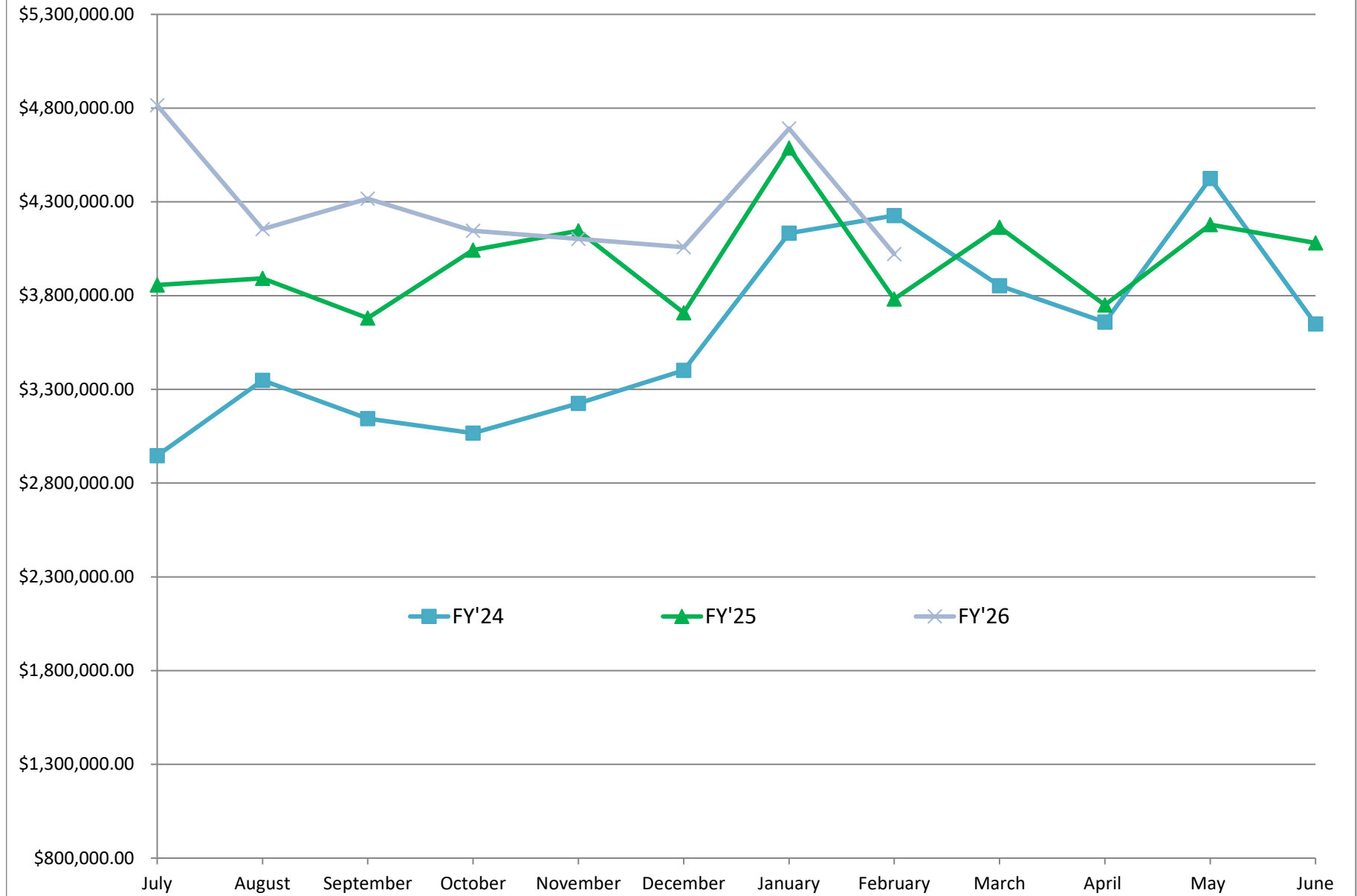
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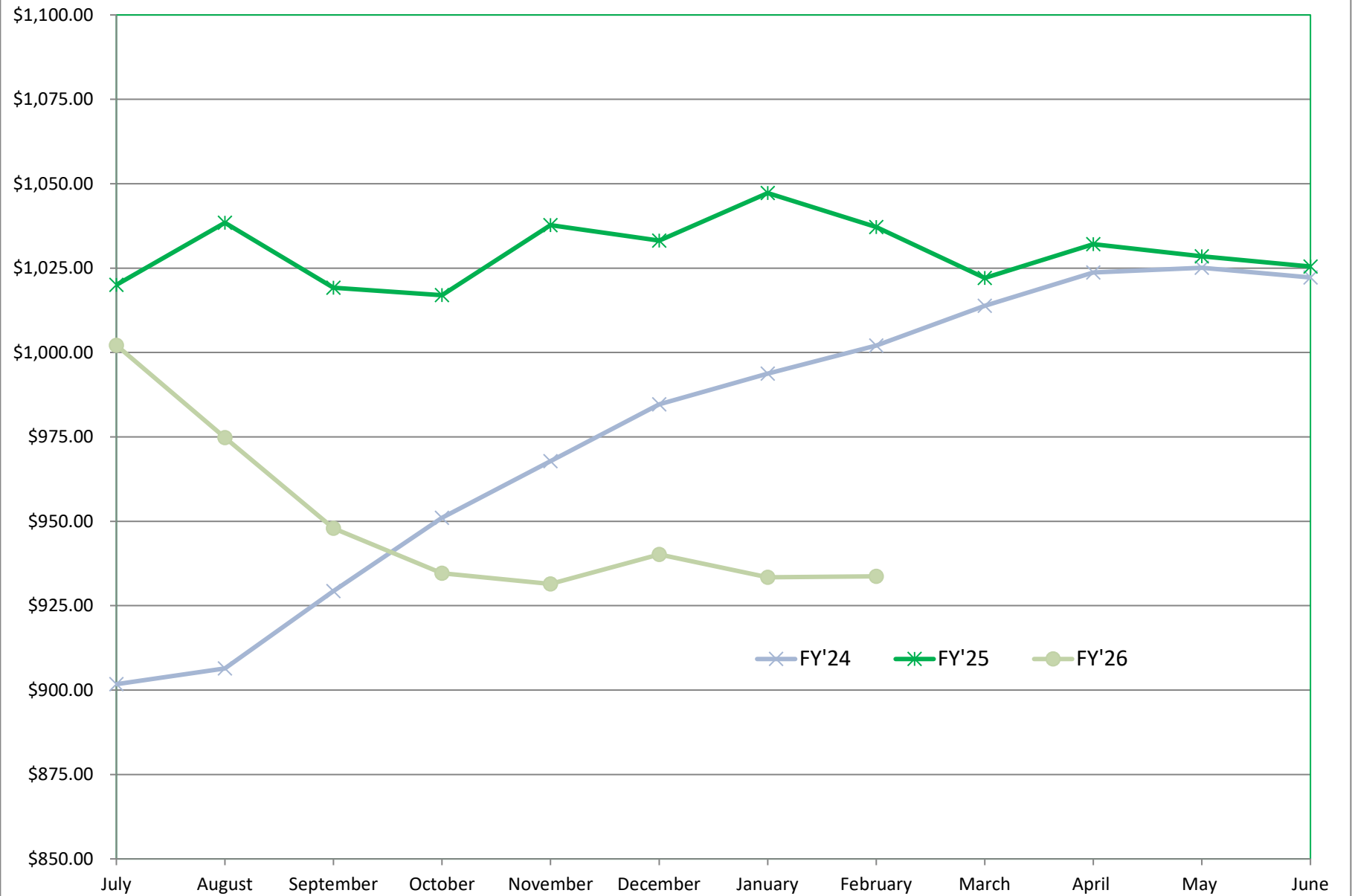
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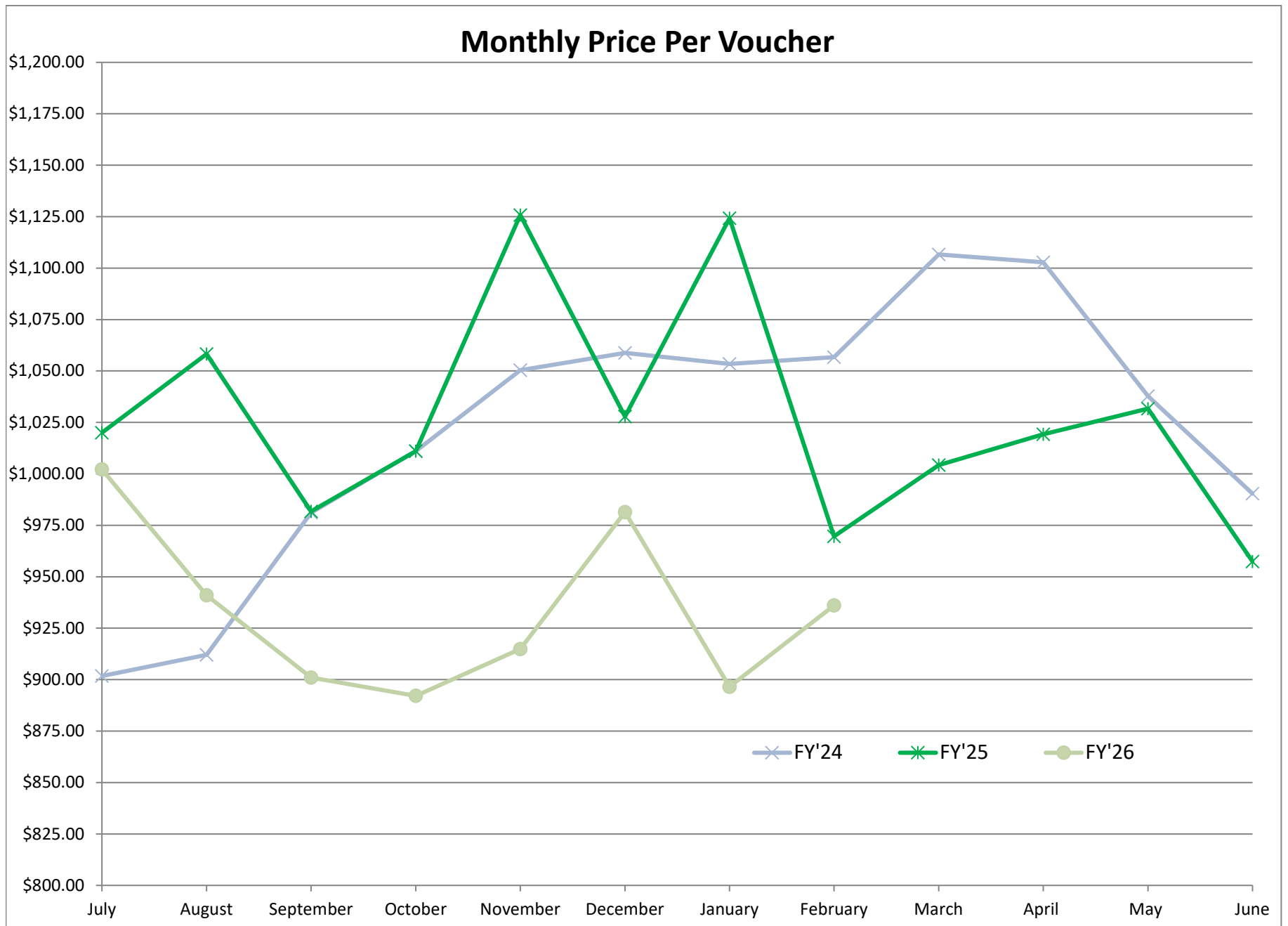


Submitted Voucher Amount



Average Voucher Price Fiscal Year to Date





Pending UCD Cases as of February 20, 2026

UCD	FELONY				MISDEMEANOR				CIVIL VIOLATION			ALL CASES			
	Pending	On DD	No IA	% No IA	Pending	On DD	No IA	% No IA	Pending	No IA	% No IA	Pending	On DD	No IA	% No IA
Androscoggin	703	120	108	15.4%	1,337	232	481	36.0%	21	13	61.9%	2,061	352	602	29.2%
Aroostook	482	110	41	8.5%	769	242	182	23.7%	33	24	72.7%	1,284	352	247	19.2%
Caribou	92	24	12	13.0%	133	46	25	18.8%	3	1	33.3%	228	70	38	16.7%
Fort Kent	66	21	4	6.1%	151	63	29	19.2%	10	7	70.0%	227	84	40	17.6%
Houlton	154	25	10	6.5%	218	65	70	32.1%	7	7	100.0%	379	90	87	23.0%
Presque Isle	170	40	15	8.8%	267	68	58	21.7%	13	9	69.2%	450	108	82	18.2%
Cumberland	1,286	193	118	9.2%	2,733	444	492	18.0%	76	21	27.6%	4,095	637	631	15.4%
Bridgton	21	8	0	0.0%	224	49	42	18.8%	5	1	20.0%	250	57	43	17.2%
Portland	1,257	182	117	9.3%	2,243	343	364	16.2%	50	12	24.0%	3,550	525	493	13.9%
West Bath	8	3	1	12.5%	266	52	86	32.3%	21	8	38.1%	295	55	95	32.2%
Franklin	128	27	35	27.3%	348	94	137	39.4%	23	22	95.7%	499	121	194	38.9%
Hancock	225	34	8	3.6%	447	61	114	25.5%	20	6	30.0%	692	95	128	18.5%
Kennebec	635	107	81	12.8%	1,433	248	431	30.1%	23	18	78.3%	2,091	355	530	25.3%
Augusta	610	99	80	13.1%	942	152	299	31.7%	18	16	88.9%	1,570	251	395	25.2%
Waterville	25	8	1	4.0%	491	96	132	26.9%	5	2	40.0%	521	104	135	25.9%
Knox	256	25	24	9.4%	526	120	100	19.0%	10	2	20.0%	792	145	126	15.9%
Lincoln	192	34	22	11.5%	430	114	89	20.7%	21	8	38.1%	643	148	119	18.5%
Oxford	391	94	91	23.3%	708	191	208	29.4%	21	12	57.1%	1,120	285	311	27.8%
Bridgton	54	16	18	33.3%	89	18	31	34.8%	0	0	0.0%	143	34	49	34.3%
Rumford	87	27	7	8.0%	147	49	13	8.8%	4	1	25.0%	238	76	21	8.8%
South Paris	250	51	66	26.4%	472	124	164	34.7%	17	11	64.7%	739	175	241	32.6%
Penobscot	635	33	64	10.1%	1,391	33	334	24.0%	26	10	38.5%	2,052	66	408	19.9%
Bangor	609	33	57	9.4%	1,032	25	240	23.3%	11	6	54.5%	1,652	58	303	18.3%
Lincoln	9	0	3	33.3%	124	3	38	30.6%	5	2	40.0%	138	3	43	31.2%
Newport	17	0	4	23.5%	235	5	56	23.8%	10	2	20.0%	262	5	62	23.7%
Piscataquis	41	1	9	22.0%	74	2	30	40.5%	19	17	89.5%	134	3	56	41.8%
Sagadahoc	137	23	18	13.1%	335	106	85	25.4%	9	2	22.2%	481	129	105	21.8%
Somerset	357	72	30	8.4%	610	112	181	29.7%	27	24	88.9%	994	184	235	23.6%
Waldo	176	27	9	5.1%	317	76	58	18.3%	4	3	75.0%	497	103	70	14.1%
Washington	184	9	8	4.3%	285	61	65	22.8%	14	3	21.4%	483	70	76	15.7%
Calais	75	5	4	5.3%	128	26	30	23.4%	3	1	33.3%	206	31	35	17.0%
Machias	109	4	4	3.7%	157	35	35	22.3%	11	2	18.2%	277	39	41	14.8%
York	716	114	68	9.5%	2,372	609	528	22.3%	82	16	19.5%	3,170	723	612	19.3%
TOTAL	6,544	1,023	734	11.2%	14,115	2,745	3,515	24.9%	429	201	46.9%	21,088	3,768	4,450	21.1%

Columns

Pending	Number of cases having at least one charge without a disposition, and without a currently active warrant.
On DD	Number of pending cases with an Order of Deferred Disposition entered.
No IA	Number of pending cases with a complaint filed, but not having an initial appearance or arraignment held or waived.
% No IA	Percent of pending cases without an initial appearance/arraignment.

Cases are categorized based on the most serious offense charged. Local ordinance violations filed with the court are not included in the reported counts.

Change in Pending UCD Cases, February 2025 to February 2026

Pending cases as of February 20 of each year

UCD	FELONY			MISDEMEANOR			CIVIL VIOLATION			ALL CASES		
	2025	2026	% Diff	2025	2026	% Diff	2025	2026	% Diff	2025	2026	% Diff
Androscoggin	732	703	-4.0%	1,347	1,337	-0.7%	11	21	90.9%	2,090	2,061	-1.4%
Aroostook	525	482	-8.2%	777	769	-1.0%	32	33	3.1%	1,334	1,284	-3.7%
Caribou	107	92	-14.0%	154	133	-13.6%	10	3	-70.0%	271	228	-15.9%
Fort Kent	80	66	-17.5%	164	151	-7.9%	8	10	25.0%	252	227	-9.9%
Houlton	149	154	3.4%	221	218	-1.4%	11	7	-36.4%	381	379	-0.5%
Presque Isle	189	170	-10.1%	238	267	12.2%	3	13	333.3%	430	450	4.7%
Cumberland	1,355	1,286	-5.1%	3,424	2,733	-20.2%	78	76	-2.6%	4,857	4,095	-15.7%
Bridgton	21	21	0.0%	312	224	-28.2%	14	5	-64.3%	347	250	-28.0%
Portland	1,311	1,257	-4.1%	2,743	2,243	-18.2%	45	50	11.1%	4,099	3,550	-13.4%
West Bath	23	8	-65.2%	369	266	-27.9%	19	21	10.5%	411	295	-28.2%
Franklin	126	128	1.6%	324	348	7.4%	12	23	91.7%	462	499	8.0%
Hancock	249	225	-9.6%	440	447	1.6%	53	20	-62.3%	742	692	-6.7%
Kennebec	580	635	9.5%	1,421	1,433	0.8%	20	23	15.0%	2,021	2,091	3.5%
Augusta	547	610	11.5%	879	942	7.2%	18	18	0.0%	1,444	1,570	8.7%
Waterville	33	25	-24.2%	542	491	-9.4%	2	5	150.0%	577	521	-9.7%
Knox	201	256	27.4%	535	526	-1.7%	6	10	66.7%	742	792	6.7%
Lincoln	174	192	10.3%	424	430	1.4%	10	21	110.0%	608	643	5.8%
Oxford	477	391	-18.0%	876	708	-19.2%	18	21	16.7%	1,371	1,120	-18.3%
Bridgton	41	54	31.7%	79	89	12.7%	0	0	0.0%	120	143	19.2%
Rumford	166	87	-47.6%	318	147	-53.8%	5	4	-20.0%	489	238	-51.3%
South Paris	270	250	-7.4%	479	472	-1.5%	13	17	30.8%	762	739	-3.0%
Penobscot	715	635	-11.2%	1,531	1,391	-9.1%	71	26	-63.4%	2,317	2,052	-11.4%
Bangor	694	609	-12.2%	1,151	1,032	-10.3%	13	11	-15.4%	1,858	1,652	-11.1%
Lincoln	5	9	80.0%	157	124	-21.0%	47	5	-89.4%	209	138	-34.0%
Newport	16	17	6.3%	223	235	5.4%	11	10	-9.1%	250	262	4.8%
Piscataquis	42	41	-2.4%	101	74	-26.7%	24	19	-20.8%	167	134	-19.8%
Sagadahoc	171	137	-19.9%	410	335	-18.3%	14	9	-35.7%	595	481	-19.2%
Somerset	294	357	21.4%	523	610	16.6%	26	27	3.8%	843	994	17.9%
Waldo	181	176	-2.8%	332	317	-4.5%	6	4	-33.3%	519	497	-4.2%
Washington	160	184	15.0%	282	285	1.1%	24	14	-41.7%	466	483	3.6%
Calais	72	75	4.2%	114	128	12.3%	12	3	-75.0%	198	206	4.0%
Machias	88	109	23.9%	168	157	-6.5%	12	11	-8.3%	268	277	3.4%
York	762	716	-6.0%	2,578	2,372	-8.0%	58	82	41.4%	3,398	3,170	-6.7%
TOTAL	6,744	6,544	-3.0%	15,325	14,115	-7.9%	463	429	-7.3%	22,532	21,088	-6.4%

Columns	
2025	Number of cases having at least one charge without a disposition, and without a currently active warrant as of February 20, 2025
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Change in Pending UCD Cases, February 2019 to February 2026

Pending cases as of February 20 of each year

UCD	FELONY			MISDEMEANOR			CIVIL VIOLATION			ALL CASES		
	2019	2026	% Diff	2019	2026	% Diff	2019	2026	% Diff	2019	2026	% Diff
Androscoggin	372	703	89.0%	1,271	1,337	5.2%	17	21	23.5%	1,660	2,061	24.2%
Aroostook	332	482	45.2%	590	769	30.3%	36	33	-8.3%	958	1,284	34.0%
Caribou	63	92	46.0%	139	133	-4.3%	9	3	-66.7%	211	228	8.1%
Fort Kent	36	66	83.3%	107	151	41.1%	3	10	233.3%	146	227	55.5%
Houlton	103	154	49.5%	129	218	69.0%	3	7	133.3%	235	379	61.3%
Presque Isle	130	170	30.8%	215	267	24.2%	21	13	-38.1%	366	450	23.0%
Cumberland	769	1,286	67.2%	2,446	2,733	11.7%	112	76	-32.1%	3,327	4,095	23.1%
Bridgton	10	21	110.0%	192	224	16.7%	15	5	-66.7%	217	250	15.2%
Portland	740	1,257	69.9%	1,923	2,243	16.6%	76	50	-34.2%	2,739	3,550	29.6%
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Kennebec	332	635	91.3%	1,034	1,433	38.6%	50	23	-54.0%	1,416	2,091	47.7%
Augusta	316	610	93.0%	573	942	64.4%	32	18	-43.8%	921	1,570	70.5%
Waterville	16	25	56.3%	461	491	6.5%	18	5	-72.2%	495	521	5.3%
Knox	128	256	100.0%	277	526	89.9%	2	10	400.0%	407	792	94.6%
Lincoln	95	192	102.1%	202	430	112.9%	3	21	600.0%	300	643	114.3%
Oxford	209	391	87.1%	472	708	50.0%	20	21	5.0%	701	1,120	59.8%
Bridgton	29	54	86.2%	78	89	14.1%	5	0	-100.0%	112	143	27.7%
Rumford	94	87	-7.4%	163	147	-9.8%	6	4	-33.3%	263	238	-9.5%
South Paris	86	250	190.7%	231	472	104.3%	9	17	88.9%	326	739	126.7%
Penobscot	352	635	80.4%	1,044	1,391	33.2%	130	26	-80.0%	1,526	2,052	34.5%
Bangor	340	609	79.1%	815	1,032	26.6%	76	11	-85.5%	1,231	1,652	34.2%
Lincoln	6	9	50.0%	63	124	96.8%	34	5	-85.3%	103	138	34.0%
Newport	6	17	183.3%	166	235	41.6%	20	10	-50.0%	192	262	36.5%
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York	778	716	-8.0%	2,626	2,372	-9.7%	97	82	-15.5%	3,501	3,170	-9.5%
TOTAL	4,110	6,544	59.2%	11,834	14,115	19.3%	658	429	-34.8%	16,602	21,088	27.0%

Columns

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DISTRICT DEFENDERS' COMMISSION REPORT

February 2026

Highlands Region Update

The Bangor Unified Court is beginning to implement a UCD pilot project to replace Dispositional Conferences with standardized Scheduling Orders and Status Conferences. New cases are assigned a scheduling order and a status conference date at initial appearance. It is unclear how this new procedure will impact client's rights and defense strategy with cases subject to this process.

It is hoped that this new procedure will help reduce inefficiencies associated with attending dispositional conferences and massive docket calls. In February, HRPD defenders waited many hours in lines at dispositional conferences, waiting for their prosecutor counterparts.

Last week, at a Newport District Court Dispositional Conference day, no fewer than 6 defense attorneys, nearly all either acting as employed defenders or commission paid contract counsel waited for a single prosecutor, who was also handling *pro se* litigants.

It is hoped that having two docket calls and two jury selections a month will help the office be more efficient with trial prep, subpoenas, and jury selection preparations. That said, the move to two docket calls is seemingly built to favor efficiency for the prosecutors. Each prosecutor will only have cases assigned to one docket call per month, and have trials only in one term each month, while Defenders are likely to have to attend both docket calls, and could conceivably be vulnerable for trial in each term. The court appears to have built this new system around the District Attorney's office long-standing division into teams and structured its calendar explicitly to accommodate those teams.

Updates from Downeast Region

Justice Harold Stewart, who has been serving as trial justice for Hancock and Washington Counties, is retiring this month leaving the Superior Court without a presiding Justice.

January will be the last month with scheduled jury trials until July. The Downeast Region Public Defenders have been steadily accepting a share of the new cases filed in the region. Historically, Region VII has been fortunate to be one of the few areas in the state that never experienced a significant backlog of cases with defendants waiting for appointment of counsel.

However, having representation is meaningless if the court is not open and able to try cases. For individual clients the Downeast attorneys are analyzing speedy trial rights and filing motions to dismiss where warranted. The bigger picture is that there needs to be more judicial resources in the Downeast region to prevent these lapses in available trial time.

On a much more exciting and positive note, DRPD learned this month that it will be getting office space inside the new Hancock County courthouse being built in Ellsworth.

This will give the office room to grow and make the work more efficient. More importantly, it will physically and symbolically place the office within the court system where it belongs.

One of the advantages of having an established public defender office within state government is that it makes clear that counsel for Maine people accused of crime is not an afterthought or a separate cost that arises outside of the criminal court system. As *Gideon v. Wainwright*, states "lawyers in criminal courts are necessities, not luxuries."

Maine has chronically under-funded public defense in part because public defense is not widely viewed as an essential part of the criminal court system. As the people of Maine should be able to look to their District Attorney's office and victim's advocates to protect their interests and advocate for them, the people should also have a robust well-funded public defenders to protect their constitutional rights from the State itself. Having a public facing office at the courthouse will demonstrate that PDS are not merely court appointed lawyers – PDS is an institution dedicated to fighting for civil rights, fairness, due process, and justice on behalf of all Maine people.

Positive Outcome in the Parents' Division

Rebecca Horton negotiated a beneficial and uncommon contact schedule for one of her clients and her children. The client did not have stable housing and was struggling to meet her basic daily needs due to poverty and trauma. The Department was granted a preliminary protection order removing both children from the mother's custody, while the mother was still nursing her youngest child.

There were no allegations of abuse. Rebecca negotiated a contact plan such that the mother now has daily contact with her children, despite the Department only offering two and then three visits per week. The Department was not initially supportive of daily visits until the case went to hearing. Without Rebecca's unwavering efforts and insistence that these children needed their mother every day, it is likely the family would still have a restricted visit schedule.

Aroostook County Client Outcomes

Client 1: Client 1 was charged with an assault, which was reported to police by the alleged victim. There was another witness to the situation who gave a completely different account of what happened. The officer spoke to this witness on body camera prior to arrest but still chose to arrest Client 1. The witness had no reason to lie, the AV did. This was pointed out at dispositional conference and via email to the prosecutor, but the prosecutor handling the case was not at the conference and the prosecutor who covered had no notes. The case was set for Docket Call. At Docket Call, the Assistant Defender asked the prosecutor directly if they'd watched the body camera. They had not. Between Docket Call and jury selection the Assistant Defender again urged the prosecutor to watch the body camera. The day of jury selection Client 1 was offered a short deferred on a lesser, more appropriate charge. When the judge asked why this was coming together so late, the prosecutor said it was because defense had alerted them to new information. The body camera was in the discovery they provided to the Assistant Defender from the beginning. By the time this case was resolved, the Assistant Defender had fully prepared for trial, transcribed video, subpoenaed witnesses, requested special jury instructions, filed motions *in limine*, and met multiple times with Client 1 to prepare them to testify.

Client 2: Client 2 was charged with an assault involving numerous people and they were clearly not the primary aggressor. Much of the incident was on camera. Based on what was on camera, the alleged victim's version of events was an impossibility. Prior to dispositional conference, the Assistant Defender proposed a resolution in the case, but the DA had not yet reviewed the case and could not give an answer. At dispositional conference, the prosecutor handling the case was not there and the prosecutor covering had instructions not to negotiate the case. The Assistant Defender gave an overview of the case, and the judge proposed essentially the same deal that the Assistant Defender had originally asked for based on the summary of the case, but the prosecutor covering said they couldn't do it. The case was set for Docket Call. The day before Docket Call, Client 2 was given the offer originally asked for by their attorney. By this point, the Assistant Defender had done a significant amount of trial preparation, met with multiple witnesses, had her investigator interview nearly half a dozen witnesses located throughout Aroostook County, and filed most of her pre-trial documents and motions.

Client 3: Client 3 was charged with multiple felonies, all of which had serious proof issues. Attempts were made to negotiate and the offers from the State were unreasonable and involved felony convictions with significant jail time to serve. Because the case had suppression issues, the Assistant Defender was unable to file a speedy trial request. There were multiple hearings for this client where witnesses were called, contradictory evidence was presented, and lengthy memorandums were submitted. Client 3 was repeatedly told by the State that there would be no better offers, despite the mounting proof issues. Eventually, a speedy trial request was filed, and the case was set for Docket Call. The day before Docket Call, Client 3 was offered time served on misdemeanors. The prosecutor ultimately told the judge (so that the judge would accept the plea) that there were proof issues with the charges as brought. In addition to the motions and hearings already discussed, the investigator worked significantly on these cases, an intern was used to research multiple legal and evidentiary issues, and a significant amount of paralegal time was used to review discovery.

Tri-County Successes

Tri-County reports an excellent piece of lawyering by Ben Raker in a case out of Androscoggin that resulted in the suppression of all eyewitness identification evidence — including both *out-of-court* and *in-court* IDs — after a full evidentiary hearing.

Ben litigated a motion *in limine* to suppress eyewitness identification arising out of a nighttime police pursuit. The identification was based on officers later reviewing a single booking photograph (and then an arrest photograph) of the client. After briefing and hearing, Justice Archer granted the motion and excluded the identification testimony in its entirety.

Earlier this month, AD John Henderson resolved two significant felonies in one day. First, John handled

a Judicial Settlement Conference in a serious multi-count felony. The State's pre-conference offer was 5 years to serve. After a strong, law-driven memo and advocacy at conference, the client plead to a misdemeanor with no time to serve. At one point, Justice Mills expressly commended the quality of AD Henderson's memo. Later that afternoon, in an unrelated case, John litigated a probation violation and associated Class A charge. The court reviewed his written motion and, in chambers, stated to the prosecutor: "*I've read the motion. Attorney Henderson is right. He's going to win.*" The result: both the PV and the Class A felony were dismissed. The issue he won on was the "Good Samaritan" law.





MAINE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES Z112
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	2025-26	2026-27
Initiative: Provides allocation to align with projected resources.		
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND		
All Other		210,000
Total	0	210,000
Initiative: Establishes 4 Assistant Defender I positions and one Paralegal position to support the establishment of the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services parents counsel division and provides funding for office rent and related All Other costs.		
GENERAL FUND		
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT		5,000
Personal Services		872,928
All Other		224,230
Total	0	1,097,158
Initiative: Establishes one District Defender position, one Assistant Defender I position, 4 Assistant Defender II positions, 2 Paralegal positions, one PDS Case Manager position, one Field Investigator position and one Office Associate I position to support the establishment of the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services Cumberland County Office and provides funding for office rent and related All Other costs.		
GENERAL FUND		
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT		11,000
Personal Services		1,425,698
All Other		218,850
Total	0	1,644,548
Summary - GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT		16,000
Personal Services		2,298,626
All Other		443,080
Total	0	2,741,706
Summary - FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND		
All Other		210,000
Total	0	210,000
Total Agency/Department		
All Funds		2,951,706
GENERAL FUND		2,741,706
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND		210,000

MAINE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES Z112

		2025-26	2026-27
Initiative:	Provides one-time funding to pay for private attorneys and non-counsel vendors who provide indigent legal services. These are expenses anticipated in the 2026-2027 biennial above the baseline amount for these services.		
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
All Other		12,322,443	13,026,035
Total		12,322,443	13,026,035
		2025-26	2026-27
Summary - OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
All Other		12,322,443	13,026,035
Total		12,322,443	13,026,035
Total Agency/Department			
All Funds		12,322,443	13,026,035
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		12,322,443	13,026,035

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-2026	2026-2027
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,000,000	\$0

Emergency Housing Relief Fund Program Z340

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to supplement or establish programs addressing the needs of people experiencing homelessness or facing other immediate housing challenges and support other uses that address housing emergencies in the State. Housing costs continue to cause thousands of Maine people to become homeless every year, while putting thousands more at extreme risk. Shelters around the state are typically full while the costs rise along with the acuity of need for those they are serving. Funds will provide emergency, transitional and permanent housing responses to homelessness.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-2026	2026-2027
All Other	\$12,000,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$12,000,000	\$0

Sec. T-18. Transfer from Budget Stabilization Fund; Maine Commission on Public Defense Services program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$12,322,443 and on or before June 30, 2027, the State Controller shall transfer \$13,026,035 from the Budget Stabilization Fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services, Maine Commission on Public Defense Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account for onetime needs for technology and compliance with new federal legislation, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

Sec. T-19. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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Initiative: Provides one-time funding to pay for private attorneys and non-counsel vendors who provide indigent legal services. These are expenses anticipated in the 2026-2027 biennial above the baseline amount for these services.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-2026	2026-2027
All Other	\$12,322,443	\$13,026,035
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$12,322,443	\$13,026,035

Sec. T-20. Transfer from Budget Stabilization Fund unappropriated surplus; Housing Opportunity program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$500,000 and on or before June 30, 2027, the State Controller shall transfer \$500,000 from the Budget Stabilization Fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the Housing Opportunity program, Other Special Revenue Funds account for a pilot project to provide regionalized building code enforcement.

Sec. T-21. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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Housing Opportunity Program Z336

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a three-year pilot project to provide regionalized building code enforcement. Well-trained Code Enforcement Officers are essential to timely, predictable permitting of housing and other development. Municipalities are struggling to staff these positions, in part because small communities typically employ CEOs part time on contract, which is an unattractive employment model and does not encourage regular professional education. Regionalization is a more stable model for employing CEOs and there is tremendous interest in establishing multiple pilot locations throughout the state that can form the basis for longer term self-supported regional programs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-2026	2026-2027
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000

PART T SUMMARY

This part authorizes the State Controller to transfer funding from the Budget Stabilization Fund to implement a program to provide a one-time Affordability Payment to eligible recipients; implement a program to provide one-time funding to Maine school districts for school bus safety measures including retrofitting buses with crossing arms and anti-pinch door sensors; provide one-

Maine Commission on Public Defense Services

Proposed Rule: Chapter 302, Procedures Regarding Funds for Experts & Investigators

Detailed Basis Statement:

Pursuant to statute,

The Maine Commission on Public Defense Services, established by [Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 25-A](#), is an independent commission whose purpose is to provide high-quality, effective and efficient representation and promote due process for persons who receive indigent legal services in parity with the resources of the State and consistent with federal and state constitutional and statutory obligations. The commission shall work to ensure the delivery of indigent legal services by qualified and competent counsel in a manner that is fair and consistent throughout the State and to ensure adequate funding of a statewide system of indigent legal services, which must be provided and managed in a fiscally responsible manner, free from undue political interference and conflicts of interest. 4 M.R.S. § 1801.

The Commission is charged with, “Establish[ing] processes and procedures to acquire investigative and expert services that may be necessary for a case, including contracting for such services” 4 M.R.S. § 1804(3)(L).

The Commission is statutorily obligated to adopt rules regarding “Other standards considered necessary and appropriate to ensure the delivery of high-quality, effective and efficient indigent legal services.” 4 M.R.S. § 1804(2)(G).

This Chapter establishes a method for Counsel to seek funds for experts and investigators on assigned cases, consistent with the Commission’s mission and statutory obligations.

The 2026 amendments to this Chapter establish parameters for expert and investigator funds requests and expand upon the procedures for submitting invoices for expert and investigative services.

Chapter 302: PROCEDURES REGARDING FUNDS FOR EXPERTS AND INVESTIGATORS

Summary: This Chapter establishes the procedures for attorneys ~~and pro se parties~~ to request funds for experts and investigators from the Commission and provides that the Executive Director shall make the determination to grant or deny the request. It also establishes the procedures for payment of expert and investigator services authorized in this Chapter.

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

1. Executive Director. "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services or the Executive Director's decision-making designee.
2. PDS or Commission. "PDS" or "Commission" means the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services.
3. Applicant. "Applicant" means the client on whose behalf an attorney submits an application for funds pursuant to this Chapter.
4. Attorney. "Attorney" means the lawyer for the Applicant.
5. Employed Counsel. "Employed Counsel" means an attorney employed by the commission to provide legal services directly to persons who are eligible to receive indigent legal services in civil proceedings.
6. "Public Defender" means an attorney employed by the commission to provide legal services directly to persons who are eligible to receive indigent legal services in criminal and juvenile proceedings.

SECTION 2. APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FOR EXPERT AND INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE

1. ~~1. Who May apply.~~

~~A. Any person who is entitled to representation at state expense under the United States Constitution or the Constitution or laws of Maine and who has been found indigent by a state court or who claims to be without sufficient funds to employ necessary expert or investigative assistance may file, on their own or through their attorney, applications to PDS for funds to obtain~~

expert or investigative assistance or both has been appointed or assigned counsel at PDS expense, or who is represented by an Employed Counsel or Public Defender; and

B. Any person who is entitled to representation at state expense under the United States Constitution or the Constitution or laws of Maine who is represented by retained counsel and who is found indigent by PDS.

2. **Application ~~Directed~~directed to the Executive Director.** An application for funds to obtain necessary expert or investigative assistance or both shall be directed to the Executive Director.

3. **Form and ~~Contents~~contents of ~~Application~~application.** The application shall:

A. Be completed on a form designated by the Executive Director~~;~~;

B. Include the case caption ~~-and~~ the docket number;

C. Set forth the date on which the ~~applicant~~Applicant was found indigent or, if the ~~applicant~~Applicant has not been found indigent, set forth the basis on which the ~~applicant~~Applicant claims to be without sufficient funds. For persons ~~not found indigent by a court~~applying pursuant to Section 2(1)(B), the application shall be supported by an affidavit demonstrating ~~financial need~~indigency. Said affidavit shall be on the same form used to determine financial eligibility for appointment of counsel;

D. Describe the nature of the proceeding for which assistance is sought, and in proceedings with respect to adult or juvenile crimes, specifically identify the name and class or statutory cite of the most serious charge, or of the charge which is the basis for the request for funds~~;~~;

E. Set forth a clear and concise statement of the reasons why the assistance is necessary for adequate presentation of the ~~applicant~~Applicant's claim or defense; ~~and~~

F. Set forth a clear and concise statement as to the work that will be done by the expert and/or investigator~~;~~ and

F.G. Itemize the total amount of funds being requested, the vendor's rate, and any anticipated expenses that may be paid out of the funds.

4. Parameters for requests.

A. Requests for funds must be submitted before the expert or investigator begins work on the case.

B. The request for funds should encompass all anticipated funds that will be needed for the expert or investigator's work to be completed.

a. For interpreters and translators, attorneys should estimate the total cost for the services for the life of the case, as opposed to separate requests for each instance in which the interpreter or translator will perform work.

b. When it is probable that an expert or investigator will be needed for a court appearance, the request for funds should include the total anticipated costs needed to pay for the expert or investigator's services through disposition of the case.

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5. Electronic ~~f~~Filing ~~p~~Permitted. The application must be filed with PDS according to the procedure directed by the Executive Director. Any procedure developed by the Executive Director shall be designed to protect privileged information from disclosure, and to promote the efficient handling of funds requests by Commission staff.

A. *Repealed.*

B. *Repealed.*

C. *Repealed.*

SECTION 3. DETERMINATION BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director shall review the application and the grounds therefore and, in the Executive Director's sole discretion, shall either grant the funds applied for, in whole or in part, or deny the application. When granting an application in whole or in part, the Executive Director may condition the expenditure of funds as set forth in PDS Rule Chapter 301 ~~, Fee Schedule and Administrative Procedures for Payment of Commission Assigned Counsel,~~ and other PDS procedures. The determination of the Executive Director shall be in writing and may be communicated to the ~~applicant~~Attorney by electronic means.

SECTION 44. ~~PAYMENT FOR EXPERT OR INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE~~PROCEDURE AFTER APPLICATION GRANTED

1. After an application for funds is granted, the attorney must:

A. Ensure the expert or investigator has a State of Maine Vendor Code, or is aware of the process for applying for one;

B. Provide the expert or investigator a copy of the funds authorization;

- C. Inform the expert or investigator that PDS is only guaranteeing payment for services up to the amount authorized at the rate authorized; and
- D. Inform the expert or investigator that:
- a. Any travel expenses incurred must be within the applicable rates set by the Government Service Administration;
 - b. Mileage incurred in Maine is reimbursable up to the rate set by the State of Maine Office of State Controller;
 - c. PDS will not reimburse for travel insurance, cancellation protection, or the like; and
 - d. Absent extenuating circumstances, PDS will not reimburse for first class airfare or seat upgrades.
- E. Upon receipt of an invoice for services for which the expenditure of funds has previously been authorized, the ~~applicant or the applicant's~~ Attorney shall forward the invoice to PDS for processing and payment, together with the relevant authorization.
- F. -Attorneys shall comply with ~~all~~ny procedures established by the Executive Director. The ~~applicant or the applicant's~~ Attorney must state that the services were satisfactory and that all applicable reports and other information have been received. The ~~applicant or the applicant's~~ Attorney ~~should~~must review the invoice to verify that it conforms to PDS requirements and that the appropriate rates for services and mileage were billed. The ~~applicant or the applicant's~~ Attorney is not required by the Commission to advance funds to investigators or other service providers, subject to any professional conduct requirements. The ~~applicant~~ Attorney should ~~make every effort to~~ ensure that the ~~service provider~~expert or investigator includes a State of Maine Vendor Code number on each invoice.
- G. Failure of the Attorney to submit an invoice for expert or investigative services to PDS within 10 calendar days of receiving a complete and accurate invoice from the expert or investigator may result in non-payment of the attorney's vouchers until the attorney submits the invoice to PDS.

SECTION 5. Transition

Repealed.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

4 M.R.S. §§ 1804(2)(G), (3)(A) and (4)(D)

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Chapter 301-B: REQUIREMENTS FOR PAYMENT OF PARALEGAL AND SECRETARIAL SERVICES

Summary: This Chapter establishes a method for Counsel to seek payment for Secretarial Services and Paralegal Services on assigned cases.

SECTION 1. Definitions.

1. PDS or Commission. “PDS” or “Commission” means the Commissioners of the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services.
2. Executive Director. “Executive Director” means the Executive Director of PDS or the Executive Director’s decision-making designee.
3. Counsel. “Counsel” means a private attorney designated eligible by the Commission to be assigned to provide a particular service or to represent a particular client in a particular matter, and assigned by PDS or a court to provide that service or represent a client.
4. Paralegal. “Paralegal” means a person, qualified by education, training, or work experience who is employed or retained by a lawyer, law office, corporation, governmental agency, or other entity and who performs specifically delegated substantive legal work for which a lawyer is responsible.
5. Paralegal Services. “Paralegal Services” means specifically delegated substantive legal work for which a lawyer is responsible.
6. Secretary. “Secretary” means a person who is employed or retained by a lawyer, law office, corporation, governmental agency, or other entity to provide Secretarial Services.
7. Secretarial Services. “Secretarial Services” means administrative staff support services other than Paralegal Services.
8. Payee. The person or entity that Counsel has designated to receive payment for services rendered by Counsel through submitting a Designation of Payee form to PDS.

SECTION 2. Hourly Rate of Payment.

Paralegal Services and Secretarial Services will be compensated at a rate of \$55 per hour subject to the limitations established by this Chapter and Chapter 301.

SECTION 3. Limitations.

1. **Compensable Tasks.** Counsel may be compensated for all Secretarial Services and Paralegal Services which would be compensable under Chapter 301, subject to the following limitations:
 - A. Counsel will only be compensated for tasks which may be delegated, consistent with the Maine Rules of Professional Conduct and Commission rules.
 - B. Secretarial Services and/or Paralegal Services must be attributable to a particular assigned client's case to be compensable. General office or file maintenance tasks are not compensable.
 - C. Counsel will only be compensated for a maximum of 20 hours of Secretarial Services and/or Paralegal Services, combined, per case, unless—upon application of Counsel on a form designated by the Executive Director—additional hours are authorized by the Executive Director.
 - D. Counsel will not be compensated for travel time or travel-related expenses incurred by Paralegals or Secretaries unless Counsel obtains prior written authorization from the Executive Director.

SECTION 4. Administration.

1. **Billing Method.**
 - A. Counsel may only be compensated for Secretarial Services and Paralegal Services via vouchers submitted through the PDS electronic case management system. Invoices seeking such compensation which are submitted through any other means will not be paid. Any voucher submitted for payment may include both time for Secretarial Services and/or Paralegal Services and the legal services of Counsel. Counsel need not enter a separate voucher for Secretarial Services and/or Paralegal Services.
 - B. Time submitted for Paralegal Services or Secretarial Services performed by someone who is an employee of Counsel shall be submitted as a time entry by the Paralegal or Secretary under their own profile in the PDS electronic case management system.
 - C. Time submitted for Paralegal Services or Secretarial Services performed by someone who is a contractor of Counsel shall be submitted by Counsel as an expense and attached to the relevant voucher in the PDS electronic case management system. Said expense must be accompanied by a receipt reflecting that Counsel paid that amount to the person who performed the Paralegal Services and/or Secretarial Services.
2. **Timekeeping.** Paralegal Services and Secretarial Services must be recorded in increments of 0.10 hours. Each distinct task performed must be itemized and include the date the task was performed, the hours expended, the name of the person who performed the task, the

type of task, and a description of the task that is sufficiently specific and detailed to enable one to understand the nature and extent of the services provided.

3. Payment. Payment for Paralegal Services or Secretarial Services shall be made to Counsel's Payee. No payment allowable under this Chapter shall be made directly to any Paralegal or Secretary.
4. Timing. Vouchers submitted greater than 90 days after the terminal case event shall be reduced in accordance with Chapter 301, Section 6.

SECTION 5. ~~Expiration.~~ REPEALED.

~~Absent further rulemaking by the Commission, this Rule expires one year after its effective date.~~

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 4 MRSA § 1804(2)(G)

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