

Public Defense Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, August 6, 2015 9:35 am – 12:20 pm

King County Courthouse 516 3rd Ave, Seattle, WA 12th Floor Southwest Conference Room

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Matt Adams, Kim Ambrose, Sharon Armstrong, Marc Boman (Chair), Leo Flor, Tom Hillier, Paul Holland, John Strait (Vice Chair), Saudia Abdullah and Sophia Byrd McSherry

Board Members Attending by Phone: Jeffery Robinson

1. Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and welcomed those present.

2. Status of reappointment of members

It was noted that all four of the Board members whose one-year terms expired at the end of June were reappointed to new, three-year terms by the King County Council.

3. Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers

Marc Boman and John Strait were nominated as the Chair and Vice Chair respectively for the 2015-2016 term. There were no other nominations. Marc Boman and John Strait excused themselves from the room, and a voice vote was held. Mr. Boman and Mr. Strait were elected as Chair and Vice Chair by a unanimous vote.

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Board's June 4, 2015, meeting were approved by motion.

5. Executive Session I

The Board went into executive session from 9:37 a.m. to 9:39 a.m. Returned and recognized: Lisa Daugaard for her leadership as DPD's interim deputy director and her commitment to ground-breaking criminal justice reform; and Don Madsen for his leadership at ACA, his commitment to clients, and the thoughtful and humane way he managed his staff.

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6. Public Defender's Report

Lorinda Youngcourt introduced La Mer Kyle-Griffiths, DPD Training Director. With input from Ms. Kyle-Griffiths; Lisa Daugaard, DPD Deputy Director; Floris Mikkelsen, DPD Special Projects Manager, and Gwen Clemens, DPD Operations Manager, Ms. Youngcourt reported on the status of the department. Her report included updates on the Budget Workgroup's report and supplemental budget request, the status of negotiations with the employees' unions, the completion of the new case management system implementation, the implementation of a 24-hour On Call Attorney line, and the ongoing process of departmental reorganization, including new policy development for assigned counsel and expert services. The assigned counsel draft policies and application form can be found at: http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/public-defense/AssignedCounsel.aspx.

7. Executive Session II

Board went into executive session from 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.

8. Adjourn

After returning from Executive Session the meeting was adjourned.

Materials distributed at the meeting:

A. Draft minutes of Board's June 4, 2015, meeting