



## **Public Defense Advisory Board Meeting**

**Thursday, September 11, 2014  
9:30 am – 11:40 am**

**Judicial Conference Room  
King County Courthouse, 9th Floor  
516 3rd Ave, Seattle, WA**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:** Saudia Abdullah, Matt Adams, Sharon Armstrong, Marc Boman (Chair), Leo Flor, Tom Hillier, Paul Holland, Sophia Byrd McSherry (attending by phone), Jeffery Robinson, and John Strait (Vice-Chair).

**Board Members Absent:** Kim Ambrose.

**Invited Guests:** Dennis Karras, Marissa Karras.

**Board Staff Present:** Gwen Clemens and Nick Wagner.

#### **1. Welcome and Other Matters; Approval of Minutes**

- a. The Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.
- b. Those present introduced themselves and stated their affiliations.
- c. The minutes of the Board's Aug. 28 meeting were approved with modifications.
- d. In response to the Chair's question to Board staff about whether Service Employees International Union, Local 925 (SEIU), had responded to the Board's invitation to making a short presentation to the Board, Colleen O'Connor, an SEIU representative who was present, reported that SEIU definitely was interested and would be responding soon to the invitation.

#### **2. Executive Session**

At about 9:45 a.m. the Board went into executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 to discuss the qualifications of applicants for the position of King County Public Defender. At 11:15 a.m. the Board came back into open session.

### **3. Meeting Schedule**

To allow sufficient time for interviewing Public Defender candidates and discussing their qualifications, the Board changed its October 30 meeting to run from 8:00 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### **4. Break**

### **5. Committees**

The Chair renewed his request for volunteers to work on committees to work on the Board's report on the Executive's proposed budget for public defense and the Board's annual report on the state of county public defense. After discussion the following committees were formed:

#### **a. Budget Report Committee**

- i. Sharon Armstrong
- ii. Tom Hillier
- iii. Sophia Byrd McSherry (contingent on her acceptance of appointment; she had not reconnected by phone following the break when appointed).

#### **b. Annual Report Committee**

- i. Saudia Abdullah
- ii. Paul Holland
- iii. John Strait

### **6. Conflicts of Interest in Public Defense**

There was a discussion of issues concerning conflicts of interest in public defense. The Board asked staff to invite Interim Public Defender Dave Chapman to attend a future Board meeting to discuss conflicts issues with the Board.

### **7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.