



**King County**

## **Public Defense Advisory Board Meeting**

**Thursday, April 2, 2015**

**9:40 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.**

**Southwest Conference Room  
King County Courthouse, 12th Floor  
516 3rd Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:** Matt Adams, Sharon Armstrong, Marc Boman (Chair), Leo Flor, Tom Hillier, Paul Holland, and Jeffery Robinson

**Board Members Attending by Phone:** Saudia Abdullah, Kim Ambrose, Sophia Byrd McSherry

#### **1. Welcome**

- a. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. and welcomed those present.
- b. The Chair complimented Lorinda Youngcourt on her performance to date as the King County Public Defender. He also complimented the Annual Report Committee for its work on the Annual Report, which was submitted to the Council on March 25.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the Board's February 5 meeting were approved by consensus of the Board.

#### **3. Public Defender Report**

Ms. Youngcourt distributed copies of her April 1 "report on efforts to comply with the ABA's ten principles for public defense" and reported on her participation in the Public Defense Budget Work Group, the status of negotiations with the employees' unions, and the ongoing process of departmental reorganization.

#### **4. Acknowledgement of Jeff Robinson's Recent Appointment**

Board members congratulated Jeff Robinson on his recent appointment as Director of The Center for Justice of the national American Civil Liberties Union in New York City and celebrated his decision to remain half time in Seattle, where he will continue to serve on the Board.

## **5. Public Defense Advisory Board Business**

- a. Report by Annual Report Committee: Paul Holland reported on meetings with Deputy County Executive Fred Jarrett and with the Council's Committee of the Whole to present the Board's Annual Report. Other Board members also discussed the meetings and the report and expressed thanks to all who participated in creating it. At the Chair's invitation, Gail Stone commented that the presentation of the Board's annual report at the April 1 meeting of the Council's Committee of the Whole went well and that the councilmembers seemed pleased with the report. She also said that the Executive is grateful for the Board's work.
- b. Status of reappointment of board members: It was noted that the one-year terms of four of the Board members are due to expire at the end of June. All four of those Board members are willing to serve another term on the Board if their reappointment is supported by the organizations they represent.
- c. Financial disclosure reminder: Board members were reminded to complete and file their financial disclosure forms if they had not already done so.
- d. Future report dates: Board members discussed the scheduling of future Board reports and who might be willing to serve on drafting committees. There was a consensus that it is unnecessary to take any steps to change the due date for future annual reports.

## **6. Budget Work Group Status Report**

- a. The Chair reported that a confidential draft of the Budget Work Group's report was sent to Board members on April 1.
- b. Judge Armstrong reported on the membership of the work group, the process it has followed, and the subjects that have been covered. The Board members discussed the possibility that the Executive would request a supplemental appropriation for the Department of Public Defense, based on the work group's recommendations, which are not yet in final form.

## **7. Executive Session**

The Board went into executive session at about 10:25 a.m.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at about 11:20 a.m.

## **Materials distributed at the meeting:**

- A. Draft minutes of Board's February 5 meeting
- B. King County Department of Public Defense: A report on efforts to comply with the ABA's ten principles for public defense

## C. The State of King County Public Defense 2015