



King County

Public Defense Advisory Board Meeting

**Thursday, August 20, 2015
1:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.**

**DPD Director's Office
King County Chinook Building
401 – 5th Avenue, 2nd Floor
Seattle, WA**

MEETING MINUTES

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

Board Members Excused: Leo Flor

1. Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and welcomed those present.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Board's August 6, 2015, meeting were approved by motion.

3. Public Defender's Report

- Public Defender Lorinda Youngcourt reported on the status of recruitment of a Deputy Director of the Department of Public Defense (DPD).
- Ms. Youngcourt said DPD will be posting announcements of other DPD leadership positions this week; those positions include the four division heads and other open supervisory positions.
- Ms. Youngcourt described the preparation for the Sept. 9 meeting of the Council's Budget and Fiscal Management Committee, where the DPD supplemental appropriation request will be considered.
- Ms. Youngcourt said DPD had sent out materials for assigned counsel with a requested return date of Sept. 21 for those who wish to join or remain on the

panel. There was a suggestion that input from the presiding judges be requested about individual candidates. Ms. Youngcourt explained that training would be required of assigned counsel as well as DPD staff attorneys, though at no charge. There was a suggestion that attending training be included in the draft requirements for assigned counsel.

4. 2015 Budget Report

The Board's 2015 Budget Report, which focuses on the Public Defense Work Group Report, was discussed; modifications were suggested; and the report was approved by motion with the modifications.

There was a comment that DPD may need to request additional funding during the 2015-2016 biennium for assigned counsel and expert services.

5. Appointment of Board Member Abdullah to head CCD

The Chair congratulated Board member Saudia Abdullah on her appointment as Director of the Community Corrections Division (CCD) of the King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention and indicated that Ms. Abdullah was considering whether her appointment would be an impediment to her continuing to serve on the Board.

6. Board's Work Plan

The Chair led a discussion of possible subjects for the Board's Work Plan for the next 12 months. Topics for the focus of the next annual report were also discussed.

7. Collective Bargaining

It was noted that tentative agreements had been reached in collective bargaining with SEIU Local 925 and with the Public Defense Management Guild.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at about 2:50 pm.