

Georgia Public Defender Standards Council

MINUTES

03/27/15

10:00 AM

GPDSC CENTRAL OFFICE, SUITE 200
104 Marietta Street NW, Atlanta GA 30303

MEETING CALLED BY	Chairman Ron Cross
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Meeting held via Teleconference
FACILITATOR	Jimmonique R. S. Rodgers, Acting Director
NOTE TAKER	Cheryl Karounos
COURT REPORTER	Recorded conference call by RollCall
ATTENDEES	Council members present on call: D. Sims, R. Cross, D. Seagraves, L Paris, Hon. M. Miller, E. Tolley, D. Kennedy, G. Hodges, B. Bullard, K. Beal, C. Karounos. In attendance were V. Pitts, C. VanDross, D. Berry

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Cross at 10:00 AM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA	R. CROSS	Agenda unanimously approved.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	R. CROSS	Minutes from prior meeting unanimously approved.
DIRECTOR UPDATE	J. R. S. RODGERS	<p>Training & Professional Development Division 2015 initiatives: Develop a 5-year developmental plan for training that provides professional, appropriate, and cost-effective training. Conduct a needs assessment survey to identify additional areas for substantive training programming and competency. Develop and present Georgia's first specialized and nationally recognized Juvenile Immersion Training Program (JTIP) conference</p> <p>Implement professional video recording and webinar offerings of training courses to provide enhanced access across the state in a fiscally efficient manner. Establishing partnerships with public and private entities to coordinate and enhance training opportunities.</p> <p>Appointments/reappointments: Wade Krueger CPD Southern Circuit as of 2/1/2015 to replace Kent Edwards after his retirement. Chip Wallace CPD Toombs Circuit as of 2/06/2015. Greenberry (Butch) Moore CPD Ocmulgee Circuit as of 3/15/2015. W. Allen Adams CPD Griffin Circuit as of 4/4/2015. Ms. Rodgers also gave an overview of 2015 Grant Initiatives and what grants had been awarded thus far.</p>
BUDGET	J. R. S. Rodgers	J. Rodgers explained that appropriated budget continued to increase, that conflicts funding is now a line item in GPDSC appropriations. FY 2016 largely mirrors FY 2015 budget.
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE	J. R. S. RODGERS	Update on HB 279 CPDs to receive a 5% pay increase and a \$6k bonus if there is an accountability court in their circuit. There was some discussion by the Council as to what circuits do not currently have accountability courts.
NEXT MEETING DATE		TBD
EXECUTIVE SESSION		The council meeting broke for the executive session at 10:28 AM, and adjourned at 10:49 AM.