

Georgia Public Defender Standards Council

MINUTES

9/28/2012

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
FACILITATOR	W. Travis Sakrison, Executive Director
NOTE TAKER	Janet Hankins, Jessica Corey
COURT REPORTER	Lisa Hunsicker - JPA Reporting, 404-853-1811
ATTENDEES	Council members present: Ron Cross, Gator Hodges, Judge Arch McGarity, Judge Murphy Miller, Lee Morris, Lamar Paris, Donna Seagraves, David Sims and Ed Tolley. Members of the GPDSC Central staff, various CPDs, and others were also in attendance.

After a roll call, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Cross at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA	CHAIRMAN RON CROSS	G. Hodges moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by T. Sakrison. Agenda unanimously approved.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	CHAIRMAN RON CROSS	Motion to approve made by G. Hodges, Seconded by D. Seagraves. Minutes from prior meeting approved.
DIRECTOR UPDATE	W. TRAVIS SAKRISON	T. Sakrison delivered updates on several ongoing projects, including an update on the current budget and funding, as well as previous and upcoming trainings and the CPD Supervisory Panels. Council Member Lamar Parris joined the meeting during the Director's update.
INDIGENCY APPLICATION	D. SEAGRAVES	D. Seagraves gave an update on the implementation of the new indigency applications. Implementation going well, D. offering training and positive response so far.
JUVENILE JUSTICE UPDATE	W. TRAVIS SAKRISON	T. Sakrison delivered an update on GPDSC's involvement with the juvenile justice reform bill. This included an overview of the previous legislation and a discussion of the PEW center's recent presentation on recidivism rates to the Criminal Justice Reform Council.
VERIFICATION SYSTEM APPROVAL	W. TRAVIS SAKRISON	T. Sakrison gave an overview of the statute governing how county governing authorities apply to keep the \$50 application fee. Requested volunteers from the assembled Council to be on the Indigency Verification Committee. G. Hodges, D. Seagraves, E. Tolley, and Claudia Saari all volunteered to serve on committee, working to establish guidelines for IVS approval. D. Seagraves moved that all currently-approved systems be renewed pending the new committee meeting to discuss all applications and approvals. Seconded by E. Tolley. Motion passed unanimously.
OPEN FOR QUESTIONS OR OTHER COMMENTS	CHAIRMAN RON CROSS	R. Cross opened the floor for discussion of issues and commentary. E. Tolley noted the increase in DP cases and the importance of scheduling orders. Sarah Totonchi from the SCHR praised the capital defender program and Jerry Word's recent work in a Douglas County case.
MEETING ADJOURNED	CHAIRMAN RON CROSS	G. Hodges moved to adjourn meeting, no executive session. Seconded by L. Morris. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:25am.