Georgia Public Defender Standards Council

MINUTES 12/2/2011 10:00 AM GPDSC CENTRAL OFFICE, SUITE 200
104 Marietta Street NW, Atlanta GA 30303

MEETING CALLED BY	Chairman Ron Cross
TYPE OF MEETING	Introductory meeting of newly appointed Council
FACILITATOR	W. Travis Sakrison, Executive Director
NOTE TAKER	Cheryl Prater
COURT REPORTER	Lisa Hunsicker - JPA Reporting, 404-853-1811
ATTENDEES	Council members present: Ron Cross, Gator Hodges, Judge Arch McGarity (by phone), Judge Murphy Miller, Lee Morris, Lamar Paris, Donna Seagraves, David Sims and Ed Tolley. Members of the GPDSC Central staff and various CPDs were also in attendance by phone was Sam Merritt, CPD of Southwestern Circuit.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA	CHAIRMAN RON CROSS	The agenda was unanimously approved.
APPORVAL OF MINUTES	CHAIRMAN RON CROSS	Minutes from prior meeting were approved
DIRECTOR REPORT	W. TRAVIS SAKRISON	Informed Council that the Rule that is out for comment goes to Superior Court Jan 10th, same as the FAO. Reported on meetings attended w/many CPDs in their respective circuits.
NEW BUSINESS: INDIGENCY ELIGIBILITY	W. TRAVIS SAKRISON/DONNA SEAGRAVES	Reviewed the findings and recommendations of audit concluded this year on indigency standards and guidelines; goal is to have one standardized eligibility form for the state.
NEW BUSINESS: FY 2012 BUDGET	W. TRAVIS SAKRISON /ADAM ROSS	Reviewed the FY 2012 Budget
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE	W. TRAVIS SAKRISON	Reported on meeting with Chairman Golick of House Non-Civil Judiciary Committee – the chairman is very supportive of funding Indigent Defense. Continuing to work with legislators on matters affecting GPDSC, specifically HB 648 pertaining to dedicated funding.
OVERVIEW OF LITIGATION MATTER	DEBRAE KENNEDY	Explained the class action lawsuit Flournoy et al vs. State of GA, GPDSC et al.
NEXT MEETING DATE	CHAIRMAN RON CROSS	Agreed upon that next Council meeting would convene March 23rd, 2012, 10 a.m.
ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION	CHAIRMAN RON CROSS	Council adjourned and began Executive Session at 11:30a.m.