



Public Defense Advisory Board Meeting

**Thursday, October 16, 2014
9:30 am - noon**

**ACA Division Conference Room
110 Prefontaine Place South, 2nd Floor
Seattle, WA 98104**

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Saudia Abdullah, Matt Adams, Kim Ambrose, Sharon Armstrong, Marc Boman (Chair), Leo Flor, Tom Hillier, Paul Holland, and Sophia Byrd McSherry

Board Members Absent: Jeffery Robinson and John Strait (Vice-Chair)

Invited Guests: Ramona Brandes, Carol Caley, Colleen O'Connor, Matt Pang, John Ostermann, and Dennis Karras

Board Staff Present: Gwen Clemens and Nick Wagner

1. Welcome and Other Matters; Approval of Minutes

- a. The Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.
- b. Those present introduced themselves and stated their affiliations.
- c. The minutes of the Board's September 30 meeting were approved.
- d. The Budget Committee reported to the Board on the drafting of the Budget Report, including numerous meetings to gather information and the draft format, and described the time constraints under which the Committee and the Board are working.
- e. An additional full board meeting was scheduled for 9 am – 1 pm on Friday, October 31, to provide additional time for the Budget Report review and review of the candidates for Public Defender.

2. SEIU Presentation / Q &A

At the Board's invitation, SEIU Local 925, Public Defense Chapter representatives – Ramona Brandes, Carol Caley, Colleen O'Connor, Matt Pang, and John Ostermann – presented the eight elements the chapter believes are critical for public defense (see Attachment A). SEIU Local 925 representatives responded to questions from Board

members. They also handed out an article by Thomas H. Cohen entitled "Who's better at defending criminals? Does type of defense attorney matter in terms of producing favorable case outcomes" (see Attachment B).

3. Executive Session

At approximately 10:20 a.m. the Board went into executive session to discuss the qualifications of applicants for the position of King County Public Defender. At 12:25 the Board came back into open session.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Materials distributed at the meeting:

- A. Critical Elements For Public Defense - provided by SEIU Local 925, Public Defense Chapter
- B. Who's better at defending criminals? Does type of defense attorney matter in terms of producing favorable case outcomes by Thomas H. Cohen - provided by SEIU Local 925, Public Defense Chapter