

Public Defense Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, December 18, 2014 9:35 am – 11:20 am

Southwest Conference Room 516 Third Avenue, 12th Floor Seattle, WA 98104

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Matt Adams, Sharon Armstrong, Marc Boman (Chair), Leo Flor, Tom Hillier, Paul Holland, Sophia Byrd McSherry, and John Strait (Vice-Chair)

Board Members Attending by Phone: Kim Ambrose and Jeffery Robinson

Board Staff Present: Gwen Clemens and Nick Wagner

1. Welcome and Other Matters; Approval of Minutes

- a. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and welcomed those present.
- b. The Chair noted Executive Constantine's nomination of Lorinda Youngcourt for County Public Defender on December 8th. Ms. Youngcourt's first day at the county will be January 20.
- c. Judge Armstrong was joined by Gail Stone and Lisa Daugaard in a brief status update on the Budget Work Group, which is chaired by Dwight Dively and Dave Chapman. Judge Armstrong thanked Dave Chapman and Lisa for their work and noted the high level of engagement by Dwight Dively. Topics covered to date have included workload, training, trends (Seattle and Kent), and assigned counsel.
- d. The minutes of the Board's November 20 meeting were approved.

2. Board Annual Report

a. Beginning at about 9:55 a.m. Board member Paul Holland, Leo Flor, and Kim Ambrose provided an update on behalf of the Board's Annual Report Committee and led a discussion of the draft content, the timing of the report, the process for preparing it and the integration of the report with the Budget Work Group. Attachments A, B, C, D and E to these minutes served as a focus for the discussion.

- b. Several of those in attendance offered suggestions and comments concerning subjects to be addressed in the report.
- c. The board members recommended releasing sections of the report as "preliminary reports" to address subjects that would be useful for the Budget Work Group, particularly technology and training.
- d. The board members agreed to hold a meeting on January 8, 9:30 am noon, with the Annual Report as the primary agenda item.

3. Executive Session

At about 11:40 a.m. the Board went into executive session.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at about 11:55 a.m.

Materials distributed at the meeting:

- A. Memo to Board for December 18 meeting
- B. December 18 outline
- C. Draft section on technology
- D. Draft section on training
- E. Draft section on ESJ