



Public Defense Advisory Board Meeting

**Thursday, February 5, 2015
9:35 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.**

**Conference Room E-930
King County Courthouse
516 3rd Avenue
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 John Strait (Vice-Chair)

Board Members Attending by Phone: Sophia Byrd McSherry

Board Members Excused: Jeffery Robinson

1. Welcome and Introduction

- a. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and welcomed those present.
- b. The Chair complimented the Annual Report Committee on its current draft of the Annual Report and stated that the deadline for issuing the final Report should not be driven by the Budget Work Group's schedule.
- c. The Board adopted a motion approving the minutes of the Board's January 8 meeting.

2. Public Defender Report

At about 9:42 Lorinda Youngcourt, Director of the King County Department of Public Defense, provided a brief status report on the two and a half weeks since she started work on January 20, including a description of her participation in the Budget Work Group that was formed pursuant to a proviso in the 2015-2016 county budget.

It was noted that Ms. Youngcourt's confirmation hearings will be held on Feb. 18 and Feb. 23. The Chair and Vice-Chair plan to attend the hearings.

3. Budget Work Group Status Report

- a. At about 9:46 a.m. the Chair began a discussion of the work of the Budget Work Group. Joining in the discussion were Judge Armstrong and several other

Board and Work Group members. There was uniform praise for the efforts of the Work Group chair, Budget Director, Dwight Dively.

- b. Mr. Dively has indicated that the Budget Work Group would begin drafting its report in March and that the monthly report required to be submitted to Council by proviso in the 2015-2016 budget had been submitted.

4. Annual Report Committee– Update and Discussion

- a. Paul Holland reported on behalf of the Annual Report Committee. He began by thanking the Committee members for their contributions. He also noted his appreciation for DPD Communications Manager Leslie Brown's editing and formatting of the report. He then led the Board through the draft report, section by section, receiving input from the other members of the Board and from others in attendance.
- b. Ms. Youngcourt is reviewing the draft and will provide comments. Mr. Holland estimated that the final draft report could be completed within two weeks. The final draft will be sent to each member of the Board, allowing three days for the members to offer any final suggestions before the Report is finalized. There was a consensus that the Board did not need to meet again to review the final draft.
- c. There was a discussion of how the Board should follow up with the Executive, Council and Prosecuting Attorney after issuance of the Annual Report. There was a consensus that it would be advisable to schedule informal meetings with each at which the substance of the report could be discussed. Efforts will be made to set up those meetings.

5. 2015 Board Schedule

The Board adopted its schedule for the remainder of 2015, subject to any changes that may be needed. Meetings will be scheduled from 9:30 to noon on the following dates: April 2; June 4; August 6; October 1; and December 3.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at about 11:20 a.m.

Materials distributed at the meeting:

- A. Draft minutes of Board's Jan. 8 meeting
- B. Draft Annual Report