

Georgia Public Defender Standards Council

MINUTES

12/19/14

11:00 AM

GPDSC CENTRAL OFFICE, SUITE 200
104 Marietta Street NW, Atlanta GA 30303

MEETING CALLED BY	Chairman Ron Cross
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Meeting held via Teleconference
FACILITATOR	W. Travis Sakrison, Executive Director
NOTE TAKER	Cheryl Karounos
COURT REPORTER	JPA Reporting, 404-853-1811
ATTENDEES	Council members present: D. Sims, R. Cross, D. Seagraves, L Paris, Hon. M. Miller, E. Tolley, D. Kennedy, G. Hodges (by phone), W. T. Sakrison, B. Bullard, K. Beal, C. Karounos, B. Bullard. Other attendees: members of the Southern Center for Human Rights, Circuit Public Defenders, and GPDSC Central Office staff.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Cross at 11:00 AM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA	R. CROSS	Agenda unanimously approved.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	R. CROSS	Minutes from prior meeting unanimously approved.
DIRECTOR UPDATE	T. SAKRISON	T. Sakrison announced that the travel policy update is scheduled to take effect on February 1, 2015. Mr. Sakrison reminded the council of the CPD training in January at Lake Lanier Island. Announced that the training budget has been doubled for the upcoming year. Informed the council that the CJCC has extended the deadline for the drug enforcement surveys. Announced that Tracy Mullis was appointed CPD of the Cordele Circuit as of December 16 th . All CPD evaluations are complete, and follow-ups will take place in the near future. Conflict surveys are also due back in the near future. The upcoming CPD training will include grant training. Announced that Sue Nails is retiring at the end of the calendar year. The annual audit focused on banking, and the GPDSC is now part of a group of executive agencies using CTAS banking.
BUDGET	T. SAKRISON	T. Sakrison announced that he is anticipating another good legislative session. Currently on track to acquire funds necessary for continuing the budget. We will need additional funding to match the amended FY2014 budget.
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE	T. SAKRISON	T. Sakrison announced that the State Bar of GA is introducing a CPD pay parity bill.
FUND RETENTION RE-APPROVAL 2015	D. SEAGRAVES	The council approved the Ogeechee Circuit Public Defender Office for Fund retention.
NEXT MEETING DATE		TBD
EXECUTIVE SESSION		The council meeting broke for the executive session at 11:21 AM, and adjourned at 11:55 AM.