

# Georgia Public Defender Standards Council

## MINUTES

9/2/2011

10:00 AM

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

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| <b>MEETING CALLED BY</b> | W. Travis Sakrison, Executive Director  |
| <b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>   | Introductory meeting of newly appointed Council   |
| <b>FACILITATOR</b>       | W. Travis Sakrison, Executive Director  |
| <b>NOTE TAKER</b>        | Cheryl Prater   |
| <b>COURT REPORTER</b>    | Lisa Hunsicker - JPA Reporting, 404-853-1811  |
| <b>ATTENDEES</b>         | All Council members were present: Ron Cross, Gator Hodges, Judge Arch McGarity, Judge Murphy Miller, Lee Morris, Lamar Paris, Donna Seagraves, David Sims and Ed Tolley as well as members of the GPDSC Central staff and various CPDs. |

After a roll call, the meeting was called to order by Executive Director, W. Travis Sakrison at 10:00 am

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| APPROVAL OF AGENDA                                  | W. TRAVIS SAKRISON  | The agenda was unanimously approved.   |
| SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL                              | W. TRAVIS SAKRISON  | Council Members were sworn in as a group, they then endorsed their oaths. Oaths were notarized by C. Prater.   |
| WELCOME   | W. TRAVIS SAKRISON  | Mr. Sakrison introduced GPDSC Staff and Circuit Public Defenders who were in attendance.   |
| RESPONSIBILITIES/ROLE OF DIRECTOR                   | W. TRAVIS SAKRISON  | Mr. Sakrison read the GPDSC Mission Statement and presented the responsibilities and role of the Director.   |
| RESPONSIBILITIES/ROLE OF COUNCIL                    | W. TRAVIS SAKRISON  | Mr. Sakrison presented the responsibilities and role of the Council.   |
| ROLE OF CENTRAL OFFICE                              | JAN HANKINS         | Overview of Central office staff and duties.   |
| DIVISION OVERVIEW: OMHA                             | SABRINA RHINEHART   | An overview of OMHA was presented.   |
| DIVISION OVERVIEW: CAPITAL DEFENDER                 | JERRY WORD          | An overview of the Capital Defender was presented.   |
| DIVISION OVERVIEW: CONFLICT & APPELLATE             | JIM STOKES          | An overview of the Conflicts & Appellate Divisions were presented.   |
| DIVISIONS OVERVIEW: CIRCUIT PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICES | LEE ROBINSON        | An overview of the role of CPDs was presented.   |
| BUDGET OVERVIEW & OPT OUT CIRCUITS                  | ADAM ROSS           | An overview of the FY12 budget and the budget process was presented.   |
| LEGISLATIVE UPDATE                                  | W. TRAVIS SAKRISON  | Brief introduction to HB78 and how that may affect GPDSC budget.   |
| NEXT MEETING DATE SET                               | W. TRAVIS SAKRISON  | Next meeting scheduled for December 2, 2011 at 10am, GPDSC offices.  |
| NOMINATION OF COUNCIL CHAIR                         | JUDGE ARCH MCGARITY | Judge McGarity nominated Ron Cross for Chairman and Ed Tolley as Vice Chair. Lee Morris and Lamar Paris seconded the motion. The nomination was unanimously agreed to by the balance of the Council. |
| COMMENTS FROM CHAIRMAN                              | CHAIRMAN RON CROSS  | Mr. Cross gave his perspective on his past experience with the Council and his philosophy of maintaining and building on a solid foundation.   |
| COMMENTS ON GPDSC                                   | LEE MORRIS          | Also a member of past Councils, Mr. Morris gave some perspective on serving on the Council   |
| ADJOURNMENT   | CHAIRMAN RON CROSS  | 11:15am  |