

# Georgia Public Defender Standards Council

## MINUTES

6/21/2013

11:00 AM

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

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Chairman Ron Cross
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Regular Meeting
<b>FACILITATOR</b>	W. Travis Sakrison, Executive Director
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Janet Hankins, Kaitlyn Welch
<b>COURT REPORTER</b>	JPA Reporting, 404-853-1811
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Council members present: L. Morris, D. Sims, R. Cross, D. Seagraves (by phone), G. Hodges (by phone), L Paris, Hon. M. Miller, Hon. A. McGarity. Other attendees included Stefan Ritter, State Dept. of Law, members of the Southern Center for Human Rights, Department of Audits and Accounts, ACCG, Circuit Public Defenders, and GPDSC Central Office staff.

After a roll call, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Cross 11:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA	R. CROSS	Agenda unanimously approved.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	R. CROSS	Minutes from prior meeting unanimously approved.
DIRECTOR UPDATE	T. SAKRISON	FAO 10-1 Supreme Court Opinion issued, GPDSC Motion for Reconsideration is pending. Opinion filed after legislative session so more difficult to secure additional budget to address issue. Capital Defender has new staff in place, regional offices scheduled to be open by year's end. Some Council Member's terms expiring in September – working on reappointments. Audit follow-up efforts were given high marks by AJC in recent article. Gideon's Army HBO Documentary featured Travis Williams and his hard work on behalf of indigent defendants.
APPLICATIONS TO RETAIN FUNDS	T. SAKRISON / D. SEAGRAVES	Recommendation to approve applications and re-applications for fee retention for 42 counties and the City of Thomaston. Motion to accept by G. Hodges, Second by Lee Morris. Motion carries unanimously, effective immediately.
OPT-OUT CIRCUIT FOLLOW UP	T. SAKRISON / J. HANKINS	Committee questionnaire sent out, five received thus far with six reported to be forthcoming. Expect to have recommendation at next Council meeting.
GCD REORGANIZATION	T. SAKRISON / G. WORD	Heads of six new Capitol Defender offices introduced. Six stand-alone offices include Main Atlanta office, Metro, Athens, Brunswick, Tifton, and Macon.
ZERO BASED BUDGET	T. SAKRISON / A. ROSS	Work ongoing with OPB to create ZBB; FY15 challenging due to additional costs for conflicts as result of FAO 10-1. Collections from IDF on pace to total \$40 million. Spending expected to be in excess of \$42 million. State will meet its responsibility by furnishing additional funds.
LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE / LEGISLATIVE UPDATE	T. SAKRISON / C. KAROUNOS	Training today on HB 349 – Adult Criminal Code; working with our partners on HB 242 Juvenile Justice in creating a risk assessment tool. D. Seagraves spearheading that project.  LOC appointments complete – hope to have initial meeting prior to FY14 session.

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NEXT MEETING DATE	R. CROSS / COUNCIL	The next regularly scheduled meeting is tentatively set for September 2013. Council members will confer at a later time to determine the date.
EXECUTIVE SESSION		R. Cross suggests the Council adjourn for executive session to discuss an update on pending litigation. L. Paris moved, M. Murphy seconded a motion to enter Executive Session. Motion unanimously approved. Council adjourned to executive session at 11:45am.
ADJOURNMENT		The Council reconvened, R. Cross announcing that litigation matters were discussed during executive session and no action was taken. A McGarity moved, D. Sims seconded motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously approved.  Council meeting adjourned at 12:11pm.

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