

Georgia Public Defender Council

MINUTES

07/25/2018

1:00 PM

MEETING CALLED BY	Chairman Ron Cross
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Meeting at Annual Conference The Plimsoll Room, Main Floor, Hyatt Regency Two West Bay Street, Savannah, GA 31401
FACILITATOR	Bryan Tyson, Executive Director
NOTE TAKER	Cheryl Karounos
ATTENDEES	Council members present: R. Cross, D. Sims, C. Cohilas, L. Morris. Hon. A. McGarity, Hon. Murphy Miller, D. Seagraves. Others present & seated at the table: B. Tyson, J. R. S. Rodgers, B. Bullard, C. Karounos

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Cross at 11:02 AM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA	R. CROSS	Agenda unanimously approved.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	R. CROSS	Minutes from prior meeting unanimously approved.
DIRECTOR UPDATE	B. TYSON	Introduction and welcome to the annual conference. New CPD Sean Lowe appointed upon Lee Henley's retirement. Sean An update was given on the status of the Bureau of Justice Grant. No new death penalty cases have been recently declared according to Director of Capital Defender, Jerry Word. Mr. Tyson will be leaving GPDC and there was some discussion about his accomplishments with director. Also about Ms. Rodgers serving as Interim until a permanent replacement could be named.
BUDGET	B. TYSON	Reviewed the FT2019 budget and discussed the remaining need for additional juvenile defenders and the hope of getting those in next year's appropriations as well as the continued step increases for APDs.
PROJECT UPDATES	J. R. S. RODGERS	Ms. Rodgers explained the intranet project, The Loop and described what the interface and functionality will be. Also explained that the search for case management system to replace JCATs has been conducted, but that it was not budgeted for this FY.
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, FOUNDATION & CRIMINAL JUSTICE REORM UPDATES	B. TYSON	Criminal Justice Reforms efforts expected to continue after Governor Deal's tenure. Seeking grants to help seed the Foundation..

VOTING ITEMS

A total of 86 counties applied to continue to retain funds. D. Seagraves stated that their applications were in good order. The council voted unanimously to approve 86 counties for calendar year 2019. List below *

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session

Meeting briefly resumed and then adjourned by Chairman Cross at 2:37 PM

*Athens/Clark, Bacon, Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Brantley, Brooks, Bulloch, Burke, Butts, Candler, Carroll, Catoosa, Charlton, Chatham, Chattahoochee, Chattooga, Cherokee, Cobb, Coffee, Colquitt, Columbia, Coweta, Crawford, Dade, Dawson, DeKalb, Dougherty, Douglas, Echols, Effingham, Elbert, Emanuel, Fannin, Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth, Franklin, Gilmer, Gordon, Gwinnett, Hall, Harris, Hart, Heard, Henry, Houston, Jackson, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Lamar, Laurens, Lowndes, Macon/Bibb, Madison, Marion, Meriwether, Monroe, Murray, Muscogee, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Paulding, Peach, Pickens, Pierce, Pike, Richmond, Rockdale, Screven, Spalding, Talbot, Taylor, Thomas, Toombs, Treutlen, Troup, Twiggs, Upson, Walker, Walton, Ware, Washington, and Whitfield