

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



Date: February 22, 2023

Time: 2:00 p.m.

via Zoom Webinar

Georgia Public Defender Council Members

Christopher Cohilas - Chair, Murphy Miller, E. Lee Morris, Lamar Paris, Carlos Rodriguez, Donna Seagraves, Edward D. Tolley, Johnny E. C. Vines

Time	Item	Owner
2:02 p.m.	Roll Call Chairman Cohilas – Present Judge Murphy Miller – Present Lamar Paris – Not Present E. Lee Morris – Present Carlos Rodriguez - Present Donna Seagraves – Present (joined after roll call) Edward D. Tolley – Present (joined after roll call) Johnny E.C. Vines - Present	T. O'Connor
2:03 p.m.	Announcements	T. O'Connor
2:03 p.m.	Approval of Agenda Johnny E.C. Vines motions to approve the agenda. Lee Morris seconds motion. Motion passes unanimously.	Council
2:04 p.m.	Approval of Minutes Johnny E.C. Vines motions to approve the minutes. Judge Murphy Miller seconds motion. Motion passes unanimously.	Council
2:04 p.m.	Welcoming New Council Member GPDC Executive Director Alli welcomes Mr. Carlos Rodriguez to the Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Rodriguez was appointed in November 2022.Exec. Director Alli reads Mr. Rodriguez's bio to the Council.Chairman Cohilas and Council Members welcome Mr. Rodriguez.	O. Alli

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2:05 p.m.	<p>Executive Director's Report</p> <p>GPDC Executive Director Alli presents her report to the Council and briefs them on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Budget highlights and achievements, House Bill 1391, Alternate Defender Offices, Human Resources, Client Support Services & Ladders Unit, Specialized Unit ▪ Amended Fiscal Year 23 & Fiscal Year 24 Budgets ▪ Circuit Case Counts & Staffing ▪ GPDC Gideon's 60th Anniversary Event 	Council
2:24 p.m.	<p>Case Management Policy</p> <p>GPDC Executive Director Alli presents a proposed Case Management Policy to the Council.</p> <p>Council discusses the proposed policy and makes recommendations to the Chief Legal Officer.</p>	Council
2:35 p.m.	<p>Executive Session: Personnel & Pending Litigation</p> <p>Johnny E.C. Vines makes a motion to enter executive session for the purposes of discussing personnel and potential litigation.</p> <p>Judge Murphy Miller seconds the motion.</p> <p>Motion is approved unanimously and the Council enters executive session.</p>	Council
2:36 p.m.	<p>Executive Session: Personnel & Pending Litigation</p> <p>Present: Christopher Cohilas, Judge Murphy Miller, Lee Morris, Carlos Rodriguez, Donna Seagraves, Edward D. Tolley, Johnny E.C. Vines, Exec. Director Omotayo Alli, Natalie Glaser, Thomas O'Connor</p> <p>N. Glaser briefs Council on personnel matters and information on pending litigation.</p> <p>Johnny E.C. Vines makes a motion to end the executive session and return to the open meeting.</p> <p>Judge Murphy Miller seconds the motion.</p> <p>Motion passes unanimously.</p>	Council
3:07 p.m.	<p>Council Returns to Open Meeting</p> <p>Chairman calls the Council to order.</p>	Council
3:08 p.m.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Chairman Cohilas adjourns the meeting.</p>	Council