

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



Date: April 21, 2023

Time: 10:30 a.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
10:30 a.m.	Roll Call Chairman Cohilas – Present Judge Murphy Miller – Present Lamar Paris – Not Present E. Lee Morris – Not Preset (joined after roll call) Carlos Rodriguez - Present Donna Seagraves – Present Edward D. Tolley – Present Johnny E.C. Vines – Present	T. O'Connor
10:31 a.m.	Announcements	T. O'Connor
10:31 p.m.	Approval of Agenda Johnny E.C. Vines motions to approve the agenda. Donna Seagraves seconds motion. Motion passes unanimously.	Council
10:32 a.m.	Approval of Minutes Carlos Rodriguez motions to approve the minutes. Judge Murphy Miller seconds motion. Motion passes unanimously.	Council
10:33 a.m.	Executive Director's Report GPDC Executive Director Alli welcomes the Council and thanks them for their support throughout the state budget process. Executive Director Alli briefs the Council on the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Fiscal year 2024 budget highlights▪ Large multidefendant cases	O. Alli

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10:40 a.m.	<p>Excutive Director's Report: Council Discussion GPDC Executive Director Alli and Council discuss large multidefendant cases, GPDC resources and C3 payments.</p> <p>Chairman Cohilas asks the council to confirm their consensus on the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Authorizing the Executive Director to obtain and utilize additional ARPA funds, including collaborative partnerships to provide for the defense of clients in indigent cases. ▪ Recommending staff develop a practical framework for compensating attorneys in the ongoing large multidefendant case in Fulton County (YSL), which can be used as a framework for future large multidefendant cases. 	Council
11:25 a.m.	<p>Edward D. Tolley makes a motion that the Council authorize and direct Executive Director Alli to engage with Fulton County leadership to discuss collaborative agreements to utilize ARPA funding for C3 services in the ongoing large multidefendant case.</p> <p>Carlos Rodriguez and Donna Seagraves second the motion.</p> <p>Motion passes unanimously.</p>	
11:26 a.m.	<p>Donna Seagraves makes a motion that the Council direct the Executive Director to swiftly develop a practical compensation structure for large multidefendant cases and present it to the Council.</p> <p>Edward D. Tolley seconds the motion.</p> <p>Motion passes unanimously.</p>	
11:27 a.m.	<p>Executive Session: Personnel & Pending Litigation</p> <p>Edward D. Tolley makes a motion to enter executive session for the purposes of discussing personnel and potential litigation.</p> <p>Donna Seagraves Miller seconds the motion.</p> <p>Motion is approved unanimously and the Council enters executive session.</p>	Council
11:28 a.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>Edward D. Tolley seconds the motion.</p> <p>Motion passes unanimously.</p>	Council
12:25 p.m.	<p>Council Returns to Open Meeting</p> <p>Chairman calls the Council to order.</p>	Council
12:26 p.m.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Chairman Cohilas adjourns the meeting.</p>	Council