

# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



**Date:** April 26, 2022

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.

**222 Pine Avenue, Albany, Ga. & via Zoom Webinar**

## Georgia Public Defender Council Members

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

Time	Item	Owner
10:30 a.m.	<b>Roll Call</b> Chairman Cohilas – Present Judge Murphy Miller – Present Lamar Paris – Not Present E. Lee Morris – Not Present Donna Seagraves - Present Edward D. Tolley – Not Present Johnny E.C. Vines - Present	T. O'Connor
10:31 a.m.	<b>Announcements</b>	T. O'Connor
10:32 a.m.	<b>Approval of Agenda</b> Johnny E.C. Vines motions to approve the agenda Donna Seagraves seconds motion Motion passes unanimously	Council
10:32 a.m.	<b>Approval of Minutes</b> Donna Seagraves motions to approve the minutes Johnny E.C. Vines seconds motion Motion passes unanimously	Council
10:33 a.m.	<b>Executive Director's Report</b> GPDC Executive Director Alli reports to the Council on AFY22, FY23, and agency-level updates. Exec. Director Alli thanks the Council for their support throughout the budget process, especially with in regard to the passage of 1391 during the most recent legislative session. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Deputy Director D'Andre Berry speaks on agency's improvements to its technology and mobile/remote work capabilities.</li><li>CFO Terry Raiford briefs the Council on budget highlights for the amended and new fiscal year</li><li>Exec. Director Alli briefs the Council on the passage of HB 1391</li></ul>	O. Alli

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Exec. Director Alli briefs the Council on new monthly contractors, plans to increase per-case fees and the opening of regional conflict offices</li> <li>▪ General Counsel Natalie Glaser briefs the Council on GPDC's 2022 Summer Conference taking place in Athens, Ga.</li> </ul>	
10:54 a.m.	<p><b>Executive Session: Pending &amp; Potential Litigation</b></p> <p>Donna Seagraves makes a motion to enter executive session for the purposes of discussion pending and potential litigation</p> <p>Johnny E.C. Vines seconds the motion</p> <p>Motion is approved unanimously and the Council enters executive session.</p>	Council
10:55 a.m.	<p><b>Executive Session: Pending &amp; Potential Litigation</b></p> <p>Present: Chris Cohilas, Murphy Miller, Donna Seagraves, Johnny E.C. Vines, T. O'Connor, N. Glaser, O. Alli</p> <p>N. Glaser briefs Council on personnel matters and information on potential litigation</p> <p>Johnny E.C. Vines makes a motion to end the executive session and return to the open meeting</p> <p>Donna Seagraves seconds the motion</p> <p>Motion passes unanimously</p>	Council
11:08 a.m.	<p><b>Council Returns to Open Meeting</b></p> <p>Chairman calls Council to order</p>	Council
11:09 a.m.	<p><b>Classification of Assistant Public Defenders</b></p> <p>Exec. Director Alli introduces the proposed Classification of Assistant Public Defenders document prepared by Councilmember Donna Seagraves. Ms. Seagraves briefs the Council on the proposed document. Council discusses the proposal.</p> <p>Johnny E.C. Vines makes a motion to approve the Classification of Assistant Public Defenders</p> <p>Donna Seagraves seconds the motion</p> <p>Motion passes unanimously</p>	Council
11:21 a.m.	<p><b>Report: 2023 Applications to Retain Funds</b></p> <p>Donna Seagraves presents on behalf of the fund retention subcommittee. Ms. Seagraves briefs the Council on the continuing applications and reviews the list of counties that have reapplied to retain funds. The subcommittee recommends that they be reapproved for the calendar year of 2023.</p> <p>Johnny E.C. Vines makes a motion to approve the applications to retain funds.</p> <p>Donna Seagraves seconds the motion</p> <p>Motion passes unanimously</p>	Council
11:23 a.m.	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p> <p>Chairman Cohilas adjourns the meeting</p>	Council