

# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



**Date:** Wednesday, July 19, 2023

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

**Venue:** University of Georgia School of Law & 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
1:00 p.m.	<b>Roll Call</b> Chairman Cohilas – Present Judge Murphy Miller – Present Lamar Paris – Present E. Lee Morris – Present Carlos Rodriguez - Present Donna Seagraves – Present Edward D. Tolley – Present Johnny E.C. Vines – Present	T. O'Connor
1:01 p.m.	<b>Announcements</b>	T. O'Connor
1:01 p.m.	<b>Approval of Agenda</b> Johnny E.C. Vines motions to approve the agenda. Donna Seagraves seconds motion. Motion passes unanimously.	Council
1:02 p.m.	<b>Approval of Minutes</b> Johnny E.C. Vines motions to approve the minutes. Donna Seagraves seconds motion. Motion passes unanimously.	Council
1:02 p.m.	<b>Executive Director's Report</b> Executive Director Alli thanks the Council for joining GPDC at the University of Georgia School of Law during the agency's 2023 Annual Conference. The Executive Director briefs the Council on the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ GPDC annual conferences</li><li>▪ FY24 budget highlights</li><li>▪ FY24 year ahead</li></ul>	O. Alli & Council
1:05 p.m.	<b>Consideration of Opt-Out Review Procedure</b>	Council

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	<p>Ms. Donna Seagraves briefs the Council on the history and purpose for the review procedure. Chairman Cohilas calls for a motion to vote on the extended trial protocol</p> <p>Donna Seagraves moves to approve the protocol Johnny E.C. Vines seconds the motion Motion passes unanimously</p>	
1:09 p.m.	<p><b>Report &amp; Vote: Fund Retention Applications</b></p> <p>Ms. Donna Seagraves briefed the Council as a member of the fund retention subcommittee. As a member of the subcommittee, Ms. Seagraves recommends the Council approve the new Tallapoosa application and approval of the continuing applications.</p> <p>The subcommittee makes a motion to approve the applications Johnny E.C. Vines seconds the motion The motion passes unanimously</p>	Council & Fund Subcommittee
1:15 p.m.	<p><b>Executive Session: Litigation</b></p> <p>Johnny E.C. Vines Motions to enter excutive session Judge Murphy Miller seconds the motion The motion passes unanimously</p>	Council
1:42 p.m.	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p> <p>Johnny E.C. Vines motions to adjourn. E. Lee Morris seconds the motion Motion passes unanimously Chairman Cohilas adjourns the meeting</p>	Council

[End of Minutes]