

Georgia Public Defender Standards Council

MINUTES

3/23/2012

10:00 AM

GPDSC CENTRAL OFFICE, SUITE 200
104 Marietta Street NW, Atlanta GA 30303

MEETING CALLED BY	Chairman Ron Cross
TYPE OF MEETING	Introductory meeting of newly appointed Council
FACILITATOR	W. Travis Sakrison, Executive Director
NOTE TAKER	Cheryl Prater
COURT REPORTER	Kate Cochran - JPA Reporting, 404-853-1811
ATTENDEES	Council members present: Ron Cross, Gator Hodges, Judge Arch McGarity (by phone), Judge Murphy Miller, Lee Morris, Lamar Paris, Donna Seagraves, David Sims and Ed Tolley. Members of the GPDSC Central staff and various CPDs were also in attendance by phone was Sam Merritt, CPD of Southwestern Circuit.

After a roll call, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Cross 10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA	CHAIRMAN RON CROSS	The agenda was unanimously approved.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	CHAIRMAN RON CROSS	Motion to approve made by D. Seagraves, Seconded by D. Sims. Minutes from prior meeting approved.
DIRECTOR REPORT/FLOURNOY UPDATE	W. TRAVIS SAKRISON/D. KENNEDY	March 12 th hearing went well, judge signed order. March 30 th to be Ms. Kennedy's last day at AG office
CPD SUPERVISORY PANELS	C. PRATER	With Sam Merritt's assistance, working with CPDs to fill all their supervisory panels. Updated Council on progress.
BUDGET	W. TRAVIS SAKRISON /ADAM ROSS	Overview: HB 741 signed by Governor. Funds for Flournoy settlement. FY13 not yet finalized, currently planning on hiring of two additional attorneys for two new justices.
LAW ENFORCEMENT OUTREACH	D. SIMS/ W. TRAVIS SAKRISON	Met with PAC & law enforcement in outreach effort to prevent needless prosecution.
INDIGENCY APPLICATION	D. SEAGRAVES	Overview of proposed uniform application. Motion to CPDs to review & consider for three month period passed. C. Prater to post proposed application and email to all CPDs.
ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION	CHAIRMAN RON CROSS	Council adjourned and began Executive Session at 11:30a.m. with T. Sakrison, D. Kennedy and S. Ritter in attendance.