



Minnehaha County Public Defender

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, August 27th, 2024

TIME: 8:00 AM

LOCATION: Human Resources

Call to Order

- **Public Defender Advisory Board Meeting**
- **Meeting to Discuss**
 - Agenda
- **Attendee Names**
 - Traci Smith, Betsy Doyle, Ryan White, Patrick Schroeder, Joseph Kippley, Dean Karsky, John Hinrichs and Tessica Severson

Call the Meeting to Order:

Commissioner Kippley called the meeting to order. Traci Smith handed out the agenda for today's meeting, an updated report of the Public Defender's Office financials and a copy of the Advisory Board Meeting minutes from the meeting held on 05/28/2024.

(1) Minutes were approved from the 05/28/2024 Meeting.

(2) Personnel Updates: Traci Smith gave an update on the status of interviewing for the two investigator positions. Traci Smith and Betsy Doyle spoke about how the investigator positions are going to be an asset to our office and how they will be assigned cases. Betsy Doyle spoke about conflicts and the concerns with the lack of private attorneys on the court appointment lists for the courts to choose from. Commissioner Karsky requested a new organizational chart at the next meeting. Discussion was had about Lincoln County's need for a Public Defenders Office and Minnehaha County developing a third conflict office to help control costs. Betsy Doyle gave an update on the statewide taskforce; they are interviewing and anticipate that within the next few weeks they will be picking the chief defender.

(3) Commissioner Kippley moved on to item three on the agenda, Review of the Public Defender Financial Report. Traci Smith gave an update on the Budget, Traci Smith talked about the changes she asked the Auditor to make to our line items which will allow our office to be able to monitor costs more closely. No action required.

(4) Commissioner Kippley moved to Item number 4 on the agenda, Parking Lot C Discussion. Traci Smith discussed the concerns with parking availability for employees.



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New Business: n/a

(6) Opportunity for Public Comment: There were no requests for public comment

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:38am.