



Minnehaha County Public Defender

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday April 22nd, 2025
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, Cole Heisey, Dean Karsky, John Henrichs and Tessica Severson

Call the Meeting to Order:

Commissioner Karsky called the meeting to order. Traci Smith handed out the agenda for today's meeting, an updated report on the Public Defender's Office financials and a copy of the Advisory Board Meeting minutes from the meeting held on 11/26/2024.

(1) Commissioner Karsky called for nominations to elect a chair, Patrick Schroeder was elected Chair.

(2) Minutes were approved from the 11/26/2024 Meeting.

(3) Patrick Schroeder moved on to item three on the agenda, Review of the Public Defender Financial Report: Traci Smith gave an update on the Budget. No action required.

(4) Patrick Schroeder moved on to item four on the agenda, Review of the Public Defender 2024 Annual Report.: Traci Smith gave an overview of the annual report. Traci asked that the board email her any requested changes. No action required.

(5) Patrick Schroeder moved to Item number 5 on the agenda, Discussion of Current PDO Space Needs Traci Smith explained the PDO will be out of space in August when the new staff is scheduled to start. Traci said she is meeting with Commissioner Kippley and Mark Kriens about space needs. Traci explained the Public Defenders Office is short 3 offices to accommodate staff. Discussions were had of possible options and expansions being explored over the next year.



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(6) Patrick Schroeder moved on to item 6 on the agenda: Personnel Update and Discussion of 2025 Staff Requests: Traci discussed needs for the following year, staff and space needs.

(7) New Business: Commissioner Heisey inquired about the software Justice Text request. Traci explained she was making progress and was set on the agenda today to speak to the commission.

(8) Opportunity for Public Comment: There were no requests for public comments.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:56am.