Minnehaha County Public Defender

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday March 24th , 2026
TIME: 8:00 AM
LOCATION: Human Resources

Call to Order

- **Public Defender Advisory Board Meeting**
- **Meeting to Discuss**
  - Agenda
- **Attendee Names**
  - Traci Smith, Craig Johnson, Betsy Hogden, John Hinrichs, Patrick Schroeder, Cole Heisey, Dean Karsky and Tessica Severson

Call the Meeting to Order:

Patrick Schroeder 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 12/23/2025.

(1) Minutes were approved from the 12/23/2025 Meeting.

(2) Review of Public Defender Financial Report – Betsy Doyle gave an update. No action required.

(3) Patrick Schroeder moved on to item three on the agenda, Review Draft of 2025 Annual Report. Traci Smith gave an overview of the annual report. Discussion was had on the impact of increased cases due to Operation Prairie Thunder, case increases overall for the year and looking into getting a new case management in order to be more efficient in the work that the Public Defender's office does.

(4) Patrick Schroeder moved on to item four on the agenda, New Business. No New Business

(5) Opportunity for Public Comment: No requests for public Comment

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:51am.