



## Minnehaha County Public Defender

### MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
**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, Dean Karsky, Ryan White, Joseph Kippley, John Hinrichs and Tessica Severson
- **Members Not Present**
  - Sid Strange

#### 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 of the Public Defender's Office financials and a copy of the Advisory Board Meeting minutes from the meeting held on 12/20/22.

(1) Minutes were approved from the 12/20/22 meeting.

(3) Commissioner Karsky requested to move to Item number 3 on the Agenda, Selection new Chair/Vice Chair for 2023. Commissioner Karsky nominated Commissioner Kippley for New Chair. Commissioner Kippley accepted and was approved. Ryan White was nominated as Vice Chair, he accepted and it was approved.

(2) Commissioner Kippley moved on to item two on the agenda which was a review of the Public Defender's Office Financial Report. Traci Smith gave an overview. Budget was approved, no action required.

(4) Commissioner Kippley moved on to item number four on the Agenda, Discussion of part-time LOA. Tessica Severson gave an overview of the needs of our office, and the problems retaining or finding a part time employee. Discussion was had, and board agreed the need was there and were supportive of bringing the formal request to the Commission.

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



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### **New Business:**

Commissioner Karsky spoke about the state Indigency task force and Traci Smith volunteering to be part of the task force.

### **Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:42 am.