



Minnehaha County Public Defender

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday July 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, Ryan White, 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 11/26/2024.

(1) Minutes were approved from the 04/22/2025 Meeting.

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

(3) Patrick Schroeder moved on to item three on the agenda, Update Performance Properties Lease and PDO Expansion. Traci gave an update of move in date of August 1st. PDO Civil division will be moving to the new space. Computers, printers and furniture are scheduled to be set up in new space.

(4) Patrick Schroeder moved on to item four on the agenda, Personnel update and discussion of Public Service Pathway Placement Traci Smith reported the supervisor meeting with the Bd of Bar Examiners will be next Friday, to discuss expectations for supervision of the two Pathway students joining our office. The pathway students along with two new attorney hires will be starting August 4th, 2025.

(5) New Business: Ryan White announced he is going to step down from his position on the Advisory Board to allow someone else the opportunity to serve on the Board. Discussion was had on procedure to appoint a new person. Ryan White stated he would be happy to remain on the Board until a new replacement is found. Commissioner Heisey spoke about a conference he attended and information he learned from a vendor on technology available that other states and counties are putting into place to assist with interpreting services, and how it may help with the Interpreting costs. Commissioner Heisey said he would find the vendors' information and share that with Traci Smith.



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

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:44am.