Minnehaha County Public Defender

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, December 23, 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, Dean Karsky, Craig Johnson, Patrick Schroeder, and Cole Heisey
- **Members Not Present**
  - John Hinrichs

Call the Meeting to Order:

Pat Schroeder 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 10/28/25.

(1) Craig Johnson introduced himself to the other board members in attendance. He was appointed by the Minnehaha County Commission to replace community representative Ryan White.

(2) Minutes were approved from the 10/28/25 meeting.

(3) Pat Schroeder moved on to item 3 of Agenda which was a review of the Public Defender's Office Financial Report. Traci Smith gave an overview. No action required.

(4) Pat Schroeder moved on to item 4 of the Agenda.

a. Betsy and Traci provided an update on their experiences supervising students through the USD Pathways Program.
b. A discussion was held regarding process changes with how discovery was being shared between the State's Attorney's Office, Public Defender and Public Advocate. At the last meeting the possibility of needing a discovery technician to assist given the shift in additional job duties to the Public Defender's Office due to the changes. The board discussed concerns related to compatibility with the current PDO case management system and the SAO case management system. Traci updated the Board on case management solutions that were being explored that would be more compatible with the State's Attorney's case management system. The working group would also

explore whether an upgrade to the current case management system could also address some of the other concerns with the current PDO case management system.

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

New Business:

There were no new matters for discussion.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 am.