

**Minutes: Indiana Public Defender Council Board of
Director's Meeting**

Date: January 11, 1998

Place: Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis, IN

Board members in attendance:

Dan Toomey, Chair	Larry Landis, Executive Director
Jeff Lantz, Vice-Chair	Michelle Fennessy
Kitty Liell, Secretary	Stacy Uliano
Terry Richmond	Jodie English
Bob Hill	Paula Sites
Teresa Campbell, Secretary	

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 P.M., at which time there was not a quorum. A quorum was achieved shortly thereafter when the Board began discussion legislation.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the Board Retreat held September 27, 1997 were approved.

Minutes from December 12, 1997 approved with Michelle Fennessy being added as present.

Legislation

Larry Landis distributed the revised 1998 House Bills Position Sheet, and a summary of pending legislation. Larry Landis estimated 800 bills would be filed in this short session.

The Board discussed each pending bill, and voted whether to support, oppose, or take no position. A copy of the Board's positions on each pending bill is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

With regard to HB1049, statutory rape, the Board adopted a resolution opposing raising the age of consent for purposes of sex offenses up from 16.

With regard to HB1070, the Board reiterated its prior resolution that the Council is opposed to capital punishment.

With regards to HJR001, the Board adopted no position but passed a resolution supporting changes which would make the Indiana Supreme Court a total cert. court in all criminal cases.

These prior three (3) resolutions were made in part to explain the split votes on the pending legislation.

Date for Next Meetings

February 6, 1998, at a place to be announced.

Submitted by Katharine Liell.

Approved by:

Paul Touney

Date: 5-6-98