

INDIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
IPDC Office, 309 W. Washington St., Ste. 401
Indianapolis, IN 46204

October 10, 2018
8:30 am

Minutes

I. Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Public Defender Council was called to order at 08:44 am EST on October 10, 2018, at the IPDC Office, Indianapolis, IN by Vice Chairperson, David Shircliff.

Board members present were: David Shircliff (Vice Chairperson), Deana Martin, and Steve Owens. Present via Webex were: Jennifer Sturges, Ashley Spolarich, and Jennifer Culotta. Also in attendance were Council Staff Bernice Corley (Executive Director), Mike Moore (Assistant Executive Director), Joel Wieneke, Michael Wilson, and Juli Byrne. For the Commission, Kathleen Casey was also in attendance.

II. Order of Business

Joel Wieneke presented on a request from John Mills, counsel for Matthew Stidham in State v. Matthew Stidham, asking that the Council file an amicus brief in support of Stidham's position on appeal. Joel provided the Council with a summary of the facts of the case and the procedural posture of the case at this time. Joel explained that US Supreme Court opinions since Stidham's conviction have affected the application of the law related to cruel and unusual punishment in terms of its application to juvenile offenders, which is an issue aligned to the work of the juvenile project.

Joel will serve as local counsel as Stidham's counsel will appear pro hoc vice. If the board approves the request to file an amicus on behalf of the Council, Joel will draft the brief and Bernice will sign it as ED for the Council.

Jennifer Sturges moves that the IPDC sign on the amicus brief as it is an important issue to the juvenile project. Seconded by Ashley Spolarich. Vote carries 6 – 0 motion approved.

III. Motion to adjourn

Steve Owens makes motion to adjourn, second by Ashely Spolarich. Adjourned at: 08:50 am