

Minutes of the
INDIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Public Defender Council Office
309 W. Washington St., Ste. 401
Indianapolis, IN

July 1, 2020

4:00 pm

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I. Call to Order – Mark Nicholson

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Public Defender Council was called to order at 3: 13 pm EST on July 1, 2020 in the conference room at Indiana Public Defender Counsel in Indianapolis, Indiana. The meeting was chaired by Mark Nicholson (Chair - via electronic).

All Board Members were electronic: Mark Nicholson (Chair), David Hennessy (Vice Chair), Deana Martin (Secretary), Christopher Shema, Bob Hill, Ashley Spolarich, Amy Karozos, Joel Schumm, Kay Beehler, and Julia Stevens. IPDC employee present were: Mike Moore (Asst. Executive Director) IPDC employees electronic were: Bernice Corley (Executive Director), Juli Byrne (Office Coordinator), Jack Kenney, Michael Wilson, Joel Wieneke, Ruth Johnson, Michael Wilson, and Diane Black.

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes – Mark Nicholson

Motion made by Deana Martin to approve agenda for July 1, 2020, seconded by Kay Beehler; motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Robert Hill to approve June 11, 2020 minutes as amended (amendments made/updated during meeting), seconded by Deana Martin; motion passed 9-1 (David Hennessy opposed).

III. New Business

- Listserv – Motion made by David Hennessy to approve staff recommendations to use Salesforce to replace existing listservs, seconded by Robert Hill; motion passed unanimously.
- Legislative Platform – Robert Hill made a motion to continue Legislative agenda from prior year:
 - Require indigent persons to be represented at initial hearing (2nd year pursued)
 - Remove Home Detention violations as a basis for an Escape (2nd year pursued)
 - Reduce Maintaining a Common Nuisance to a Class A misdemeanor (2nd year pursued)
 - Amend Synthetic ID Deception, False ID, and False informing to reduce prosecutorial abuse (1st year pursued)

Seconded by David Hennessy; motion passed unanimously

Robert Hill moved to adopt IPDC staff's recommendations with respect to juvenile legislative agenda as outlined in the June 26, 2020 memorandum, seconded by Christopher Shema; motion passed unanimously

Robert Hill moved that IPDC should bring to the legislative summer study committees the issues of pre 2014 amelioration and the repeal of 75% credit time and return to 50%. After the summer study committee, the Council can come back and further define which of these priorities the board should advocate for during the next legislative session. Motion was seconded by Kay Beehler; motion passed unanimously.

Robert Hill made a motion to support staff's remaining recommendation to legislative suggestions outlined in the 6/26/2020 memorandum to the Board by Bernice Corley, including the issues addressed by lawmakers. See attached. Motion was seconded by Christopher Shema; motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by David Hennessy that the Council should, at every opportunity and stage of legislation advocacy, stress the importance and advocate for better collection of data, seconded by Ashley Spolarich; motion passed unanimously.

- Committee Assignments – changes were made to IPDC Board Committees by adding new board members and removing past board members.
 - Training, Publications, and Technology – removing Gojko Kasich, adding Kay Beehler and Julia Stevens
 - Policy Committee – removing Gojko Kasich, adding David Hennessy and Joel Schumm
 - Strategic Planning Committee – this one will be discussed during the IPDC Board Retreat to determine if this committee remains active
 - Executive Director Evaluation Committee – Remove Jennifer Culotta, adding Joel Schumm
- Motion made to adjourn at 5:12 pm by David Hennessy, seconded by David Nicholson; motion passed unanimously.