

MINUTES
STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, September 28, 2011 – 11:30 a.m.
State Public Defender, 315 N Henry St. – 2nd Floor, Madison
Teleconference, Banoul Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT:

(all via phone)
Dan Berkos
Bill Drengler
Regina Dunkin
John Hogan
Ellen Thorn
Nancy Wettersten
Mai Neng Xiong

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kelli Thompson, State Public Defender
Michael Tobin, Deputy State Public Defender
Arlene Banoul, Administrative Services Director
Randy Kraft, Communications Director
Kathy Pakes, Legal Counsel
Adam Plotkin, Legislative Liaison
Marla Stephens, Appellate Division Director
Heidi Walters, Board Liaison

Call to Order

Chair Dan Berkos called the meeting to order. Berkos congratulated Ellen Thorn on the 20 year anniversary of her law firm. Bill Drengler moved to approve the Board Minutes from the June 24, 2011 meeting, seconded by Nancy Wettersten. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Resolution

Regina Dunkin moved to approve the Board Resolution regarding Joe Morales, seconded by Ellen Thorn. Motion carried by voice vote. The Board further discussed how to honor Joe Morales at the upcoming SPD Conference.

Rules Committee

Kathy Pakes, Legal Counsel, advised that the Governor's office has approved Scope Statements PD 3.03 and PD 6.025. Both statements have been published in the Administrative Register. Nancy Wettersten moved to approve Scope Statements PD 3.03 and PD 6.025, seconded by Regina Dunkin. Motion carried by voice vote.

Eisenberg Award

Discussion was held regarding the Wisconsin Counties Association's contribution to the passage of Act 164. Regina Dunkin moved to approve the presentation of the Eisenberg Award to the Wisconsin Counties Association at the SPD Conference. John Hogan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business

Adam Plotkin, Legislative Liaison, noted he discussed Board appointments with Eric Esser, Appointments Director in the Governor's office. Plotkin was advised that no formal action has yet been taken.

Regina Dunkin inquired whether there has been any recent news regarding the budget. Kelli Thompson, State Public Defender, advised that besides a few inquiries from the Governor's office regarding very minor items, there has been no news.

Chair Berkos noted the next Board Meeting will take place at the SPD Conference on November 4, 2011. Nancy Wettersten moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Regina Dunkin. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.