

State Board of Indigents' Defense Services
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

Administration Office
Jayhawk Towers, 700 SW Jackson, Suite 500
Topeka, KS 66603
June 3, 2022

Board Secretary, Michael Birzer, called the Board Meeting of the State Board of Indigents' Defense Services to order at 1:32 p.m. Michelle Ewert, Erica Andrade, and Richard Ney were present. Patricia Hudgins, Jeff Leiker, and Laurel Michel Driskell were present by zoom. Others present were Heather Cessna, Executive Director; Kim Mason, Assistant Director; Brandon Barrett, Staff Attorney; Meryl Carver-Allmond, Training Director; Ann Sagan, Special Projects Director; and Jared Harsin, Human Resource Director, Clayton Perkins, Chief of the Capital Appeals Office, and Beth Child, Human Resource Professional.

Richard Ney made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2022 Board Meeting. Michelle Ewert seconded the motion. The motion passed at 1:33 p.m.

Richard Ney made a motion, under duress and protest, to accept the Governor's amended FY 2023 pay scale. Michelle Ewert seconded the motion. The motion passed at 2:16 p.m.

Richard Ney made a motion for a Board resolution urging the Governor to use for a salary comparison is of the prosecutors in Douglas, Geary, Johnson, Sedgwick, and Shawnee counties when comparing public defender salaries. Erica Andrade seconded the motion. The motion passed at 2:21 p.m.

Richard Ney made a motion to conduct a public hearing in the 11th Judicial District about opening a public defender office. Jeff Leiker seconded the motion. The motion passed at 2:44 p.m.

Michelle Ewert made a motion to approve the FY 2023 Financial Affidavit Application after corrections are made on the Spanish version. Erica Andrade seconded the motion. The motion passed at 3:22 p.m.

Michelle Ewert made a motion to contract with Jess Hoeme from Joseph & Hollander on one case out of Salina. Jeff Leiker seconded the motion. The motion passed at 3:24 p.m.

Richard Ney made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting. Pat Hudgins seconded the motion. The motion passed at 3:25 p.m.