

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DEFENDER COUNCIL

DATE: December 02, 2022

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 886 1481 2398

Passcode: 315802

MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig De Costa
Stanton Oshiro
Crystal Glendon
Gina Gormley

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Hayakawa- excused

ALSO PRESENT: Randall Nishiyama, Deputy Attorney General
James Tabe, Public Defender
Lee Hayakawa, Assistant Public Defender

Virtual meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chair De Costa.

Public Testimony:

Open to public at 10:04 a.m. NO public testimony. Closed at 10:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes from prior meeting held on December 02, 2022:

Minutes for December 02, 2022, meeting was moved for approval by members.

Agenda for meeting was motioned for approval by Member Oshiro and seconded by Member Glendon.

Report by Public Defender James Tabe:

Reports on OPD success and accomplishments of deputy public defenders in trials and motions in the past three weeks. The following were mentioned: Ben Lowenthal (Maui) Ashlyn Whitbeck (Oahu), Edward Aquino (Oahu).

Updated on new Director of Budget and Finance, Luis Salaveria, and Deputy Director of Budget and Finance, Sabrina Nasir.

Executive session:

Chair De Costa entertaining a motion to enter into executive session.

Member Oshiro moved to enter into executive session. Member Glendon seconded the motion. No discussion. Unanimously approved. Motion carried. Council went into executive session at 10:11 a.m.

Council reconvened at 11:22 p.m.

Survey: Chair De Costa and Member Glendon will draft up a report regarding the results pertaining to question and suggestion by Deputy Public Defender O. Amadi.

Council also discussed that a survey will be sent out once a year for staff to complete and review by Defender Council. Member Oshiro moved that a survey be sent out once a year to be reviewed by the Council; the motion was unanimously approved by council.

Next meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 27th, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in person and via ZOOM to address concerns with the evaluations.

Member Oshiro moved to adjourn the meeting Member Glendon seconded the motion. No discussion. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.