



PUBLIC NOTICE – PUBLIC COMMENT

Notice is hereby given to the public that the Louisiana Public Defender Board will meet at **1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2023** at the **Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library, 9200 Bluebonnet Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA.**

To pre-register for Public Comment email Anne Gwin at agwin@lpdb.la.gov at least 2 hours in advance of the meeting and provide the agenda item for comment.

The Chair will have discretion to recognize public comment.



LOUISIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD

Thursday, November 30, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.
Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library
9200 Bluebonnet Boulevard
Baton Rouge, LA

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Comments, Chairwoman, Holly Howat, Ph.D.
 - a. Welcome new Board Members: Edwin Murray; Lavalley "Val" Salomon; and P. Lindsey Williams
 - b. Welcome General Counsel – Paula Miles
 - c. Commendations: Michael C. Ginart, Jr.; Howard Lyn Lawrence
2. Adoption of the Agenda* pgs. 361-362
3. Public Comment¹
4. Adoption of Minutes – September 28, 2023 Meeting* pgs. 363-371
5. Budget and Financial*
 - a. Adoption of the FY25 Budget Request pg. 372
6. Act 393 of 2023 - Discussion pgs. 373-388
7. Adoption of Compensation Working Group Assignments*
 - a. "Private Practice" Clarification
 - b. Future Compensation Increases for District Defenders
 - c. Compensation Apportionment to District Defenders with Multiple Districts
8. District Issues
 - a. Solvency Projections – informational pg. 389
9. Discussion: Wait List for Mental Health Services and the Impact on Public Defender Clients pgs. 390-394
10. Division Reports – informational
 - a. State Public Defender
 - b. Juvenile pgs. 395-397
 - c. Training pg. 398
 - d. Capital

¹ Public Comment must relate to current agenda items. All comments are limited to three minutes. Please address comments to the Chairwoman.

11. Future Business*
 - a. Appointment of a Vice-Chair
 - b. Board Review of State Public Defender/Executive Staff Evaluations
 - c. Compensation Increases for Executive Staff
12. Executive Session*²
13. Next Meeting(s): **Feb 29, 2024**; Jun 20, 2024. Location to be announced.
14. Adjournment*

² The Board may vote to go into executive session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:16 and 42:17 (formerly La. R.S. 42:6 and 42:6.1) by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Pursuant to La. R.S.42:17, executive session is limited to matters exempt from public discussion/open meetings including strategy sessions with respect to prospective or pending litigation against the Board.