



PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public that the Policy Committee of the Louisiana Public Defender Board will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at the Bluebonnet Regional Library, 9200 Bluebonnet Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana



LOUISIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

January 16, 2019
Bluebonnet Library
Baton Rouge, LA
1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Remarks by Chairman
2. Call for Public Comments
3. Review of Agenda* pgs. 1-2
4. Review of the Minutes, November 9, 2018* Tab 1, pgs. 3 - 5
5. Sexual Harassment Policies – District/Staff/Board* Tab 2, pgs. 6 - 23

By law, the LPDB and district PDOs were required to have sexual harassment policies in place no later than January 1, 2019. Staff met with the DDAC and a uniform sexual harassment policy which addressed all statutory requirements was vetted, drafted, and sent out to all districts for adoption. The policies received by each district and the LPDB staff and Board are posted on the LPDB website. The LPDB policy was submitted to the Division of Administration on December 28, 2018 with the caveat that it has yet to be ratified by the Board and may be replaced with an amended version after January 31.

 - a. District Annual Reporting
Districts will be required by law to maintain documentation of compliance to the statute.
 - i. Compliance*. *The Committee will need to decide reporting requirements to the Board.*
 - ii. Supervision.
6. Public Defenders Serving as City Prosecutors* Tab 3, pgs. 24-25

Staff met with the DDAC on this matter and vetted an affidavit of hardship for district defenders to use as a step toward obtaining permission from the Board to hire a prosecutor as a defense attorney. The Committee will need to clearly define "hardship." Additionally, the dual role will likely affect a Public Defender's membership in NAPD.
7. Strategic Plan, 2017-2022* Tab 4, pgs. 26-43

LPDB is operating under the 2015-2019 strategic plan. A new plan must be submitted for the new fiscal year. R.S. 15:147 B (3). All state agencies report on the performance indicators provided in the strategic plan.

