

MONTANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COMMITTEE MEETING
State Capitol, Room 152
July 24, 2009

Approved at the August 18, 2010 Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting of the Collective Bargaining Committee of the Montana Public Defender Commission was called to order at 11:20 a.m. by Commissioner Jennifer Hensley.

Commissioners Present

Caroline Fleming, Miles City, Mike Sherwood, Missoula; Tara Veazey, Helena; Stephen Nardi, Kalispell; Jennifer Hensley, Butte; Kenneth Olson, Great Falls; and Richard (Fritz) Gillespie, Helena

Other Interested Parties

Randi Hood, Chief Public Defender; Harry Freebourn, Administrative Director; Scott Crichton, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU); and Judge Sheldon Singer, representing the American University evaluation team

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the July 17, 2008 meeting was deferred because no committee members were present.

Purpose of Committee

The Collective Bargaining Committee is primarily active during contract negotiations.

Current Responsibilities/Activities

Some of the changes suggested in the American University draft report may have to be addressed in the contract or by the Labor Management Committee (LMC). The LMC will cover all three bargaining units (attorneys, support staff and investigators). The purpose of the LMC is to try to reach consensus on various issues that are not part of the contract. They will begin meeting again in September, and case weighting will be one issue for the attorneys.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

Old Business/New Business (*Action Items)

There were no action items.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.