

MEETING MINUTES - Approved	
Committee	UTAH INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMISSION
Date, Time	Thursday, October 15, 2020, 2 PM – 4 PM
Location	Electronic meeting only per Governor’s Executive Order signed March 18, 2020
Members Present	Chair Sam Alba, Kim Cordova, Mary Corporon, Pam Vickrey, Margaret Lindsay, Shawn Milne, Michael Drechsel for Mary Noonan, Michael Zimmerman, Wally Budgen, Sen. Todd Weiler, Ryan Loose, Lorene Kamalu, Heather Schriever, Richard Mauro
Members Excused	Mary Noonan, Rep. Joel Ferry
Guests	Lance Dean, Uintah County managing attorney
Staff	Joanna Landau, Adam Trupp, Debra Nelson, Greg Bates, Leslie Howitt, Katriina Adair
Agenda Item	Welcome, Minutes from Sept. 17, 2020 Meeting
	Chair Sam Alba welcomed everyone and reviewed draft minutes from the Sept. 17 meeting. No changes to the minutes were requested.
MOTION	Shawn Milne moved to approve the minutes. Ryan Loose seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously by all present: Chair Sam Alba, Kim Cordova, Mary Corporon, Pam Vickrey, Margaret Lindsay, Shawn Milne, Michael Drechsel for Mary Noonan, Michael Zimmerman, Wally Budgen, Sen. Todd Weiler, Ryan Loose, Lorene Kamalu, Heather Schriever, Richard Mauro
Agenda Item	Anchor Location Declaration
	Chair Sam Alba read the anchor location declaration letter.
Agenda Item	Selection of a New Chair
	Staff and the commissioners expressed appreciation for Chair Sam Alba’s outstanding leadership during the past year. Sam thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as chair of the IDC and to advance indigent defense in Utah. Adam Trupp introduced Lorene Kamalu as the candidate for the commission chair. He praised Lorene’s willingness to serve and drive to immerse herself in indigent defense issues and learn quickly as a newer member of the commission. Lorene thanked the commissioners and staff for trusting her with the honor and responsibility of being nominated as chair of the commission. She is looking forward to continuing to learn and understand indigent defense issues even better,
MOTION	Motion to confirm Lorene Kamalu as Chair
	Shawn Milne moved to confirm Lorene Kamalu as chair of the Indigent Defense Commission. Sen. Todd Weiler seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously by all present: Sam Alba, Kim Cordova, Mary Corporon, Pam Vickrey, Margaret Lindsay, Shawn Milne, Michael Drechsel for Mary Noonan, Michael Zimmerman, Wally Budgen, Sen. Todd Weiler, Ryan Loose, Heather Schriever, Richard Mauro. Lorene Kamalu abstained.
Agenda Item	Discussion on IDC Goals and Priorities

	<p>Adam Trupp lead a discussion on IDC's goals and priorities. He briefed the commissioners on the IDC's development during the past four years and outlined the process the staff adopted to identify issues and priorities for the future. As a result of this prioritization process, staff identified building organizational capacity, which is the first Core System Principle, as the most important goal and activity going forward. Staff proposed that any new grant funds will be directed to building organizational capacity, namely to fund the position of managing defender with defined authority and responsibilities, and administrative support. In response to Adam's question whether the IDC is on the right course, the commissioners concurred and emphasized the importance of data in justifying continued funding and legislative support. Kim Cordova encouraged the commissioners to read the recently published Legislative Audit Report, which calls for data collection and collaboration between different agencies and levels of government. The commissioners further discussed ways to provide structural support, including regionalization, for smaller counties and counties not yet working with the IDC. Sam Alba raised counties' concern regarding possibly not having ongoing funding to support structural changes put in place in their indigent defense systems and the commission's need to address that issue. Leslie Howitt said staff is reaching out to counties to help them with implementing DefenderData software and teaching admins how to use it to collect and report data. Joanna Landau commented that counties do not need to be grant recipients to receive IDC support with DefenderData and to use it to collect data on their indigent defense. Commissioners also discussed centralized or shared defender resources for smaller counties as a way to help them meet their constitutional responsibilities. At Sam Alba's suggestion, a small group made up of Heather Schriever, Lorene Kamalu, Pam Vickrey, and a managing defender will help guide grant applicants on the IDC priorities, particularly organizational capacity, to help them submit strong applications. Joanna Landau commended Leslie for driving the strategic planning process.</p>
MOTION	Motion to Adjourn
	<p>Michael Zimmerman moved to adjourn. All present approved: Chair Sam Alba, Kim Cordova, Mary Corporon, Pam Vickrey, Margaret Lindsay, Shawn Milne, Michael Drechsel for Mary Noonan, Michael Zimmerman, Wally Budgen, Sen. Todd Weiler, Ryan Loose, Lorene Kamalu, Heather Schriever, Richard Mauro</p>
Next Meeting	November 19, 2020, at 2 PM.