



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
TRANSMITTAL FORM**

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Item Number: 3.2

MEETING DATE: 04/08/2025

DEPARTMENT: COUNTY COUNSEL

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Barbara Thompson

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SUBJECT:

COUNTY COUNSEL - D. PRENTICE

Discuss and review applications for the Public Defender Oversight Committee, and either:

1. Approve appointments as recommended by the committee to approve Michael Salinas (voting, Member at Large), Bea Gonzales (Ex-Officio, Community Member at Large), a representative from Youth Alliance, (Voting, representing Community Based Organizations), and a representative from LULAC (Ex-Officio, representing Community Based Organizations), Tracey Belton (representing social services), and Police Chief Carlos Reynoso (representing the City of Hollister), four additional ex-officio committee members by virtue of holding designated positions within the County (Tim Newman, Dana Edgull, Eric Taylor, Jonell Casada) for the term beginning April 8, 2025 through April 8, 2027; or
2. Approve appointments of other applicants for the term beginning April 8, 2025 through April 8, 2027; and

3. Amend bylaws to add requirement to take the oath of office, for designees to be designed in writing, for voting designees to file the Form 700, clarifying appointment of members, and clarifying that Board of Supervisor members are not subject to two year term.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 160

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

Committee Membership:

The Public Defender Oversight Committee (PDOC) is composed of five (5) voting members and eight (8) non-voting members. The By-Laws established the following membership of the PDOC. Members listed in bold need to be appointed by the Board.

Five (5) members shall be voting members. Voting members shall be:

- a) **Member from Community Based Organizations Serving Justice Involved Individuals, or designee: One Voting Member**
- b) **“Community Member At Large” or designee: One Voting Member**
- c) Chief Probation Officer, or designee: One Voting Member
- d) **Board of Supervisors Members: Two Voting Members**

Eight (8) members shall be ex-officio members. These non-voting members shall be:

- a) **Member from Community Based Organizations Serving Justice Involved Individuals: One Ex-Officio Member**
- b) **“Community Member At Large”: One Ex-Officio Member**
- c) Superior Court of San Benito County, Executive Officer, or designee: One Ex-Officio Member
- d) San Benito County Behavioral Health Director, or designee: One Ex-Officio Member
- e) Jail Commander or Designee or Sheriff’s designee: One Ex-Officio Member
- f) Program Manager Youth Services Center, or designee: One Ex-Officio Member
- g) **City of Hollister Representative, or designee: One Ex-Officio Member**
- h) **Social Services representative, or designee: One Ex-Officio Member**

FOR THE BOARD ACTION NEEDED TODAY, THE POSITIONS ARE DISCUSSED BELOW, WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PDOC.

Voting Members:

- a) **Member from Community Based Organizations Serving Justice Involved Individuals, or designee: One Voting Member - The PDOC recommends Youth Alliance designate a representative.**
- b) **“Community Member At Large” or designee: One Voting Member - The committee recommends Michael Salinas for appointment.**
- c) Chief Probation Officer, or designee: One Voting Member - - **FILLED**
- d) Board of Supervisors Members: Two Voting Members - Supervisors Sotelo and Curro **FILLED**

Non-Voting Members:

- a) **Member from Community Based Organizations Serving Justice Involved Individuals: One Ex-Officio Member -The PDOC recommends one member be appointed/assigned from LULAC**
- b) **“Community Member At Large”: One Ex-Officio Member - - The PDOC recommends Bea Gonzales**
- c) Superior Court of San Benito County, Executive Officer, or designee: One Ex-Officio Member - **see below**
- d) San Benito County Behavioral Health Director, or designee: One Ex-Officio Member - **see below**
- e) Jail Commander or Designee or Sheriff’s designee: One Ex-Officio Member - **see below**
- f) Program Manager Youth Services Center, or designee: One Ex-Officio Member - **see below**

g) City of Hollister Representative, or designee: One Ex-Officio Member. **Appoint as the City of Hollister Representative. (His designee, when he is unavailable, will be Captain Rosie Betanio.)**

h) Social Services representative, or designee: One Ex-Officio Member - **Appoint Tracey Belton, as the Social Services Representative**

Additionally, the following persons are recommended to membership on the PDOC by virtue of holding designated positions within the County.

(a) Tim Newman- Superior Court of San Benito County, Executive Officer

(b) Dana Edgull - San Benito County Behavioral Health Director

(c) Eric Taylor - Sheriff

(d) Jonell Casada, Youth Services Center Program Manager

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

RFP AND BID HISTORY:

N/A

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

N/A

CONTRACT HISTORY (Describe all amendments and previous contracts):

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

No

BUDGETED:

N/A

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

No

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

No

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

N/A

CURRENT FY COST:

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Membership Applications - Recommended by Public Defender Oversight Committee](#)

[Membership Applications - Remaining Applications](#)

[Committee Bylaws - Redlined](#)

[Public Defender Oversight Committee Bylaws - Current](#)