

**APPELLATE DEFENDER COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 24, 2020
DETROIT, SADO
12:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

COMMISSIONERS: In person: Thomas Adams; via telephone: Chair Thomas Cranmer, Honorable William Caprathe, Douglas Messing, and Judith Gracey.

OTHERS PRESENT:

SADO/MAACS: Director Jonathan Sacks, SADO Deputy Director Michael Mittlestat, MAACS Administrator Brad Hall, SADO Human Resources Manager Wendy Deacala, and SADO Financial Manager Bryan Vance. Via telephone: Commission Secretary MariaRosa Palmer.

Chairperson Cranmer welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the Special Commission Meeting.

Mr. Sacks provided the Commission with some background about the conditions and concerns at the Penobscot Building. The three primary areas of concern are the elevators, a recent fire in the freight elevator and the air quality.

These concerns have also impacted the staff so SADO secured temporary office space at the State-owned Cadillac Building. Approximately 14 staffers have made that move. The temporary space is equipped with a video visit room, printing, scanning and copying.

As a result of the continued issues at the Penobscot, Mr. Sacks would like to move sooner than the October 1, 2021 expiration of their lease. SADO has been looking at different space and lease options and determined that an eleven-year long-term lease that starts July 1, 2020 in the New Center Once Building is the best solution.

Commissioner Adams moved, seconded by Commissioner Messing to authorize Mr. Sacks to proceed with the execution of the lease as outlined in the discussion and materials. Carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MariaRosa J. Palmer
SADO

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BY: Thomas W. Cranmer, Chair