

**APPELLATE DEFENDER COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES**

APRIL 8, 2019
DETROIT, SADO
11:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

SADO/MAACS: Director Jonathan Sacks, SADO Deputy Director Michael Mittlestat, MAACS Administrator Brad Hall. Via telephone: MAACS Deputy Administrator Kathy Swedlow, and Commission Secretary MariaRosa Palmer.

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

Mr. Hall attended the Michigan Supreme Court public hearing regarding the proposed rule change. After the hearing, Mr. Hall prepared a draft letter for the Court to consider the possibility of MAACS receiving, handling and filing the request for counsel. Mr. Hall indicated to the Commission that MAACS is comfortable with this potential new role and that it is the most important duty of MAACS to ensure defendants get counsel.

Judge Caprathe questioned if SADO has calculated the cost to assume this new role and if MAACS would need another full-time position. Mr. Hall agreed that MAACS would need another administrative position to handle roughly 2000 requests a year but anticipates that the Court would assist MAACS with securing this funding need.

Commissioner Adams moved, seconded by Commissioner Messing to adopt the position as outlined by Mr. Hall and authorize him to send the letter to the Court. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Sacks notified the Commission that SADO is following up with the liability insurance coverage and that MAACS would finalize the process and personnel before assuming its new role.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MariaRosa J. Palmer
SADO

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BY: 
Thomas W. Cranmer, Chair