

REGIONAL PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION (RPDO)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 16, 2023, 11:00 A.M.  
Civil and Family Courts Facility  
Fourth Floor, Room 4.100  
1700 Guadalupe Street  
Austin, TX

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**AGENDA**

This Notice and Meeting Agenda are posted online at [www.rpdo.org](http://www.rpdo.org).

1. Call to Order – *Rick Wardroup*
2. Acknowledgement of a Quorum – *Elaine Nauert*
3. Citizen Comment - *Any citizen who wishes to discuss or comment on matters pertinent to the business of the RPDO may do so by completing a citizen comment form and returning it to the Board Secretary before the meeting begins. Citizen participation is limited to the subject matter of an item on the agenda. Citizens' remarks shall be limited to a period of three (3) minutes per person and are allowed to speak only once. Speakers shall not and are not permitted to make personal or impertinent remarks or use vulgar, profane, inflammatory, slanderous, or defamatory language. Any Board deliberation of, or decision about, a subject not included on the current meeting agenda shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting.*

**CONSENT AGENDA** - *These are items of a routine nature that may be approved with one motion unless a Board Member requests that an item be removed from Consent Agenda and considered separately. A motion to approve the Consent Agenda will approve the recommended action for each item on the Consent Agenda.*

4. Review of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report
5. Presentation of the FY22 External Audit Report
6. Consider and approve the Minutes of the May 9, 2023 Board of Directors meeting.
7. Consider and approve/ratify the health and dental insurance benefit program for RPDO employees for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

8. Discuss and approve Fiscal Year 2023-2024 External Auditor Agreement
9. Discuss, consider and approve a cost of living adjustment and/or merit increase for

employees of the RPDO for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

10. Review and approve budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

11. Review and approve proposed amendments to the RPDO Articles of Incorporation and/or Bylaws as recommended by the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws Subcommittee as follows:

- Adding language allowing the RPDO to participate in governmental joint purchasing programs;
- Adding two (2) directors to the Board of Directors with substantial professional or personal experience in capital cases and/or serious felony cases, or indigent defense policy and practice; and
- Removing references to “initial” directors for appointing power purposes.

12. Chief Public Defender report:

- a. County Participation in RPDO
- b. Cases – RPDO involvement
- c. Office moves
- d. Staffing – vacancies, etc.
- e. Policy changes

13. Discuss and schedule date for next board meeting.

14. Announcements (*no action*)

15. Adjournment

Posted by Elaine Nauert, System Administrator on August 9, 2023. as follows pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code § 551.053:

Posted at 1713 Main Street, Lubbock, Texas (*where the main RPDO offices are located and where the public has access during normal business hours*)

Notice of the meeting provided to the Secretary of the State pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code § 551.053

Posted by the Lubbock County Clerk on the bulletin board at the public in the Lubbock County Courthouse.

***Executive Session Disclosure Statement:*** *The RPDO Board of Directors reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of the meeting to discuss any item listed on this agenda as authorized by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, including but not necessarily limited to §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), §551.072 (Deliberations regarding Real Property), §551.073 (Deliberations regarding Gifts and Donations), §551.074 (Personnel Matters), and §551.076 (Deliberations regarding Security Devices).*