



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
PUBLIC DEFENDER OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE**

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Sheriff's Conference Room (Second Floor)
2301 Technology Pkwy, Hollister, California 95023
PUBLIC DEFENDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE - SPECIAL MEETING-
JANUARY 12, 2026
4:00 PM

Call to Order

This meeting will be IN PERSON ONLY. No Zoom link will be available.

Location: Sheriff's Conference Room (Second Floor) 2301 Technology Pkwy, Hollister, California 95023

Written Comments & Email Public Comment

Members of the public may submit comments via email by 5:00 PM on the Monday prior to the meeting to the clerk at maryanne@prenticelongpc.com

Public Comment Guidelines

- A. The Committee welcomes your comments.*
- B. Each individual speaker will be limited to a presentation total of three (3) minutes or some other time as may be designed by the Chair.*
- C. Please keep your comments brief, and to the point, and do not repeat prior testimony, so that as many people as possible can be heard. Your cooperation is appreciated.*

If you have any questions, please contact MaryAnne Aubin, at (831) 636-4040, or email maryanne@prenticelongpc.com

The Public Defender Oversight Committee welcomes you to this meeting and encourages your participation.

- If you wish to speak on a matter that does not appear on the agenda, you may do so during the Public Comment period at the beginning of the meeting. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda. When addressing the Committee, please state your name for the record. Please address the Committee as a whole through the Chair.*
- If you wish to speak on an item contained in the agenda, please seek recognition from the Chairman prior to consideration of the item.*

1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2 ROLL CALL

3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

- 3.a. [Acknowledge Certificate of Posting](#)
[01-08-2026 Certificate of Posting](#)

4 Public Comment

Opportunity to address the Committee on items of interest not appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken unless provided by Government Code Section 54954.2.

5 REGULAR AGENDA

- 5.a. [Approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting Held December 15, 2025](#)
12-15-2025 Public Defender Oversight Committee Minutes
- 5.b. [Discuss and Adopt Resolution Establishing the Regular Monthly Meetings of the PDOC for 2026 and Authorize the Chair to Sign. Discuss and Schedule Special Meetings and/or Workshop/Retreat to Address Future Agenda Items Listed Below](#)
PDOC Resolution - 2026 Meeting Dates
- 5.c. [Discussion and Direction on 2026 State Grant Opportunity for Public Defender Support](#)
- 5.d. [Receipt of Program and Operational Status Update and Possible Action](#)
PDOC Bylaws (Adopted April 2025)
Tier 1 January to December 2025 Case Report
- 5.e. [Receive Presentation by Immigrant Legal Resource Center and Discussion of Grant Opportunity](#)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No discussion of these items shall occur, but the Committee may direct any reports to be agendized for a future meeting.

- a. [Review, Discuss, and Provide Direction on Developing Complaint Forms for Public Defender Services](#)
- b. [Evaluation of Client Satisfaction: Discussion of Community Questionnaire or Survey](#)
- c. [Eligibility Process for Public Defender Services \(Procedures and Suggested Form\)](#)
- d. [Review, Consideration, and Possible Development of a Plan to Assess the State Public Defender's 2023 Report on Indigent Defense in San Benito County](#)
- e. [Discussion and Adoption of a Mission Statement](#)

ADJOURNMENT

As required by Gov. Code Section 54957.5 any public record distributed to the Public Defender Oversight Committee less than 72 hours prior to this meeting in connection with any agenda item shall be made available for public inspection at the office of the County Counsel, San Benito County Administration Building, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, CA 95023. Public records distributed during the meeting will be available for public inspection at the meeting if prepared by the County. If the public record is prepared by some other person and distributed at the meeting it will be made available for public inspection following the meeting at the office of the County Counsel.