



Notice of Board of Indigents' Defense Services Public Hearing

RE: The Potential Establishment of an Adult Felony Public Defender Office in Wyandotte County, Kansas

**Saturday, January 22, 2022,
2-4 pm**

**Kansas City Kansas Community College
Upper Level Jewell Lounge
7250 State Avenue (Main Campus)
Kansas City, Kansas 66112**

A public hearing will be conducted at the time and place set out above to consider the potential opening of an adult felony public defender office in Wyandotte County, Kansas. A map of the Kansas City Kansas Community College campus can be found here: <https://www.kckcc.edu/about/campus-map.html>

During this public hearing, some members of the Board of Indigents' Defense Services will be present to hear public comment regarding the potential establishment of a public defender office for adult felony cases in Wyandotte County. However, the Board will not debate the issue or decide the issue during this hearing. Instead, this is an opportunity for interested community members to give their input on the issue. A Board discussion and vote on the topic of a potential public defender office in Wyandotte County will come at a later date during one of our Board's subsequent Board meetings. Those meeting dates and locations can be found at www.sbids.org.

The public comment period is now open for the purpose of receiving both written and oral public comments on a potential public defender office.

Written comments will be accepted by email and may be submitted to Administrative Staff Attorney Brandon Barrett at bbarrett@sbids.org. Please include your name, address, and contact information on any written comments that you submit. Written comments are due by 5:00 p.m. on January 21, 2022, without exception.

Oral comments may be made in person at the public hearing on January 22, 2022. All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to present their views orally on the potential public defender office during the hearing. However, because of the anticipated interest in this topic, oral public commenters will be limited to approximately 3 minutes per speaker at

the event in order to accommodate as many speakers as time allows. Speakers wishing to sign up ahead of the public comment session may do so by emailing Director Heather Cessna at hcessna@sbids.org prior to 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 21, 2022. A speaker sign-up sheet will also be available at the event.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing should be made at least three working days in advance of the hearing by contacting Brandon Barrett at bbarrett@sbids.org or calling 785-296-6631.

Please be aware that seating is limited and will be first come, first served.

Due to the ongoing severity of the COVID-19 pandemic, Kansas City Kansas Community College is requiring properly worn face masks for all attendees during this indoor event. A participant's failure to comply with the facility's masking policy will result in non-admittance or possible removal from the hearing. Additionally, all attendees are asked to attempt to socially distance from each other by at least three feet where possible in accordance with the facility's policy on social distancing and local health department recommendations.

While we do not anticipate any last minute changes to the event schedule, with this hearing taking place in winter, last minute cancelation of the event due to weather or other circumstances is a possibility. If such a cancelation is necessary, notice of that cancelation will be posted at least an hour ahead of the hearing on the Board of Indigents' Defense Services website at www.sbids.org. If cancelation of the public hearing is necessary, a new public hearing will be held at a later date.

Unfortunately, at this time, a live stream of the event will **not** be available.

If you have questions regarding this hearing, please contact Brandon Barrett at bbarrett@sbids.org or call 785-296-6631.

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