

Jefferson County Public Defender Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 4, 2026 – meeting held via Teams and in person

Present: Board members: Heather Foy, Robert Barlow

Also in attendance: Devon Sharpe, Ashley Eklund

- D. Sharpe called meeting to order.
- D. Sharpe presented the November 5, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion to approve by R. Barlow, seconded by H. Foy, and unanimously approved.
- D. Sharpe provided an update:
 - o Well within budget
 - o Jim Spencer retired at the end of the year – using those funds to cover appointing attorneys by the hour
 - o PD’s now have access to language line. Only have to pay per minute of usage, no other fees.
- H. Foy provided an update on old jail and the possibly use as a juvenile detention facility.
- Meeting was adjourned.
- **Next meeting is May 6, 2026 12:00 pm (noon) by teams or in person**

Board member terms:

County Executive Appointment:	Heather Foy	
Judicial Appointment:	Robert Barlow	10/1/24-10/1/27
Commission Appointment:	Robert Little, Chairman	9/17/24 to 9/17/27

Chief Public Defender term:

Devon Sharpe 1/1/22 to 12/31/25, approved renewal term from 1/1/26 to 12/31/29

Minutes prepared by Devon Sharpe.