

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
JUSTICE SYSTEM APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: *February 5, 2026*

Location: *RM 19*

Convened: *10:00 AM*

Adjourned: *11:00 AM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Lohse-CH, Thompson, M.-VC, Ramirez-RM, Dieken, Golding, Lawler, Madison, Vondran, Wessel-Kroeschell

Absent:

Excused:

The meeting commenced at 10:01 AM and was called to order by Chairman Lohse. Roll call was taken with all members present. Chairman Lohse made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting without objection. Chairman Lohse gave opening remarks and introduced Mr. Jeff Wright from the Office of the State Public Defender. Mr. Wright gave an overview and update on the Office of the State Public Defender, as well as a report of the Office's finances. Mr. Wright also provided information on the number of Contract Public Defenders compared to the number of State Public Defenders working in Iowa. Chairman Lohse, Vice Chair Thompson, Ranking Member Ramirez, committee members Rep. Golding, Rep. Dieken, Rep. Vondran, Rep. Madison, and Rep. Wessel-Kroeschell made comments and/or asked questions regarding Mr. Wright's presentation. Without any further business, Representative Madison motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 AM.

Representative Brian K. Lohse

Grace Lohse, Committee Secretary