



City of Atlanta Office of the Public Defender



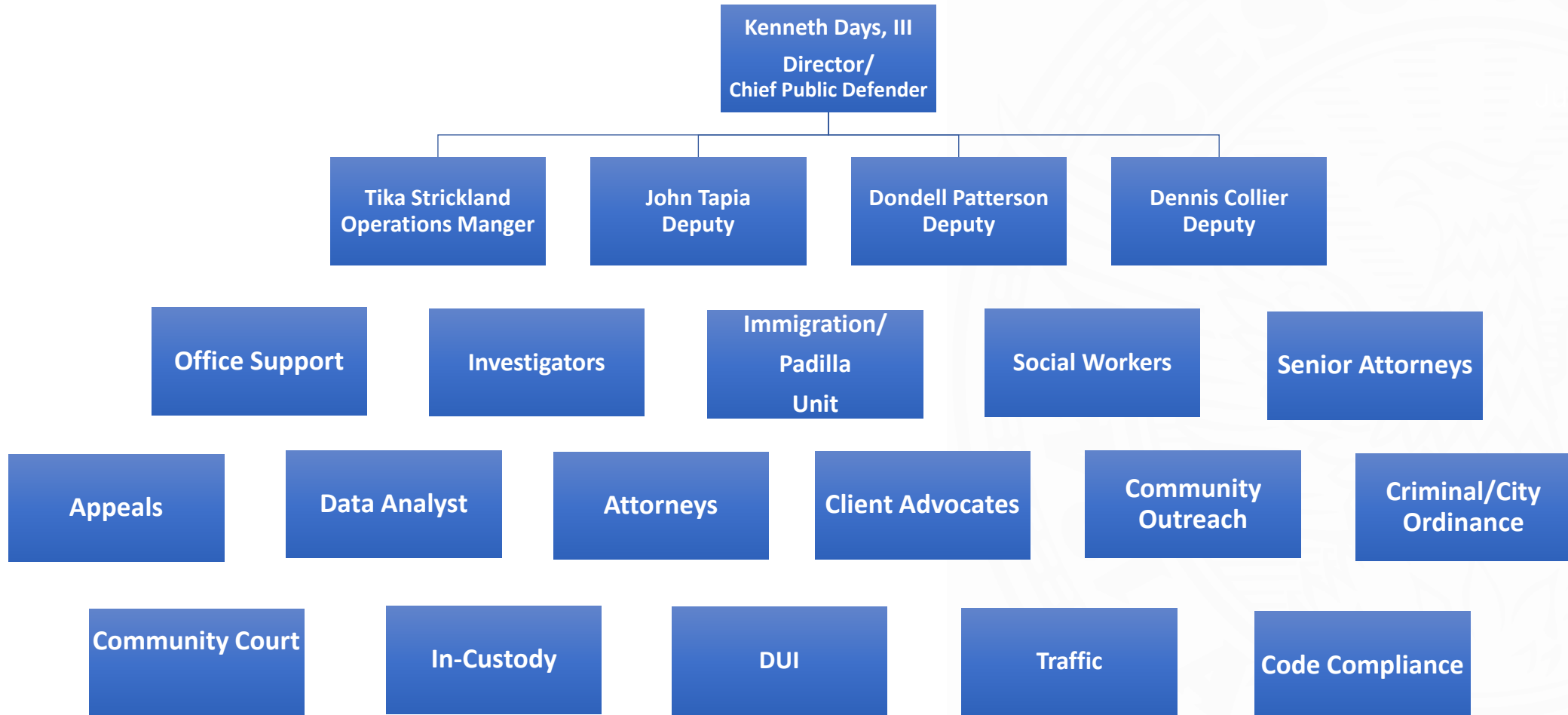
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OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

FY2026 PROPOSED BUDGET REVIEW

May 20, 2025, 3:00PM

FY2026 Organizational Structure Chart





FY2026 Year in Review and Look Ahead

Current Accomplishments (FY25)

- 1. One Safe City** The Office of the Public Defender has initiated over **6300** cases; more than **500** cases handled were new DUI cases, and the department has worked through an additional backlog of **939** DUI cases. Over **2000** incarcerated clients were represented, and **22** Appeals Cases were initiated by the department.
- 2. A City of Opportunity for All** Through the client-centered holistic model, our office connected **526** clients to needed social services – employment, benefits, mental health treatment, addiction treatment, transportation, Veteran’s assistance, temporary shelter and supportive housing, and other services.
- 3. A City of Opportunity for All and One Safe City** The staff of the Office of the Public Defender participated **312** times in Community Outreach events – legal clinics, *Know Your Rights* presentations, mentoring at recreation centers, neighborhood revitalizations, and other community engagement events.

FY26 What’s New and Improved

- 1. One Safe City** Maintain exceptional legal defense and supportive social service delivery as the department prepares for increased caseloads and intentionally target equitable funding parity with other justice agencies.
- 2. A City of Opportunity for All** Increase pathways for our clients to obtain housing, healthcare access, and employment.
- 3. One Safe City** Continue to provide community-based education, specifically with youth regarding legal rights related to law enforcement encounters; legacy residents regarding code compliance, home maintenance assistance, and asset protection/probate planning referral.

FY2026 Position Count By Fund (FTE)



Headcount			
Fund	Filled	Vacant	Total
General Fund (1001)	43.00	7.00	50.00
Total	43.00	7.00	50.00

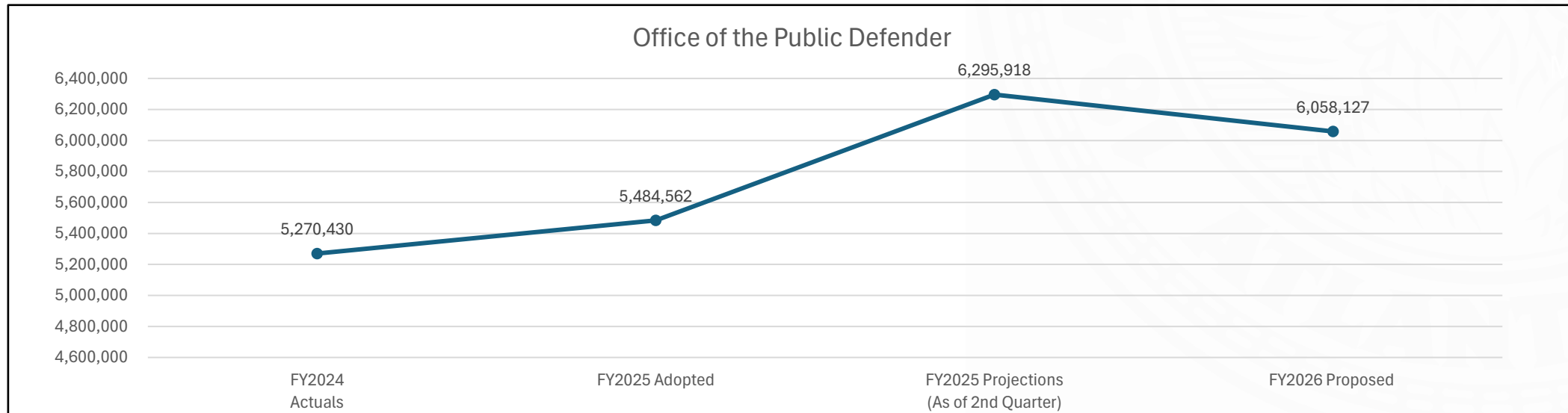
FTE as of February 6th, 2025 (Through 01/29/2025 payroll)

FY2026 Proposed Budget (*General Fund*)



Office of the Public Defender

General Fund	FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projections <i>(As of 2nd Quarter)</i>	FY2026 Proposed	Variance <i>(Proposed vs. Adopted)</i>	% Adopted Budget
Personnel Services and Employee Benefits	4,895,371	4,994,726	5,933,181	5,694,540	699,814	14%
Purchased/Contracted Services	233,703	282,045	259,278	259,307	(22,738)	(8%)
Supplies	109,379	151,131	93,151	93,132	(57,999)	(38%)
Capital Outlays	15,439	50,004	(843)	0	(50,004)	(100%)
Interfund/Interdepartmental Charges	14,844	6,656	7,702	7,692	1,036	16%
Other Costs	1,693	0	3,450	3,456	3,456	
Grand Total	5,270,430	5,484,562	6,295,918	6,058,127	573,565	10%





Q & A

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