

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**APRIL 4, 2017**

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The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:31 p.m., in the conference room, at the Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, Connecticut.

**Members Present**

Thomas J. Rechen, Esq., **Chair**  
G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq. (***Via Conference Call***)  
Honorable William R. Dyson  
Aimee Golbert, LCSW  
Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza  
Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale (***Via Conference Call***)

**Others Present**

Susan O. Storey, Chief Public Defender  
Brian S. Carlow, Deputy Chief Public Defender  
Diane M. Fitzpatrick, Director of Human Resources

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2017 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:33 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) and Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the job specifications for the Chief Public Defender and Deputy Chief Public Defender.

APPROVAL OF JOB SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER AND DEPUTY CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:31 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) and Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 6:12 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the email-approved Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission.

RATIFICATION OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED unanimously to reappoint the following attorneys to a new four-year term: Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, M. Elizabeth Reid, Geographical Area 20 (Norwalk), expiring on 4/1/21; and Assistant Public Defender, Joanna Carloni, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), expiring on 4/18/21.

ATTORNEY REAPPOINTMENTS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to extend the probationary period for the Director of Training, Alison Bloomquist, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, by a period of two months.

EXTENSION OF  
PROBATIONARY PERIOD

The Chief Public Defender discussed the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, Julie M. Costello, Geographical Area 18 (Bantam).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, Julie M. Costello, Geographical Area 18 (Bantam).

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE  
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the 2016 Annual Report for the Division.

APPROVAL OF  
2016 ANNUAL REPORT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow  
Deputy Chief Public Defender