

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MARCH 7, 2017**

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The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:33 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 Julia DiCocco Dewey  
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 January 10, 2017 meeting. It should be noted that Commission member, Honorable William R. Dyson was not yet present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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: Assistant Public Defender, Hilary Carpenter, Geographical

ATTORNEY  
REAPPOINTMENTS

Area 14 (Hartford), expiring on 2/6/21; Assistant Public Defender, Charity J. Hemingway, Geographical Area 12 (Manchester), expiring on 2/6/21; Chief of Psychiatric Defense Services, Monte P. Radler, Connecticut Valley Hospital, Middletown, expiring on 2/28/21; Director of Juvenile Delinquency Defense and Child Protection Services, Christine P. Rapillo, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, expiring on 3/3/21; Assistant Public Defender, Dawn M. Bradanini, Geographical Area 10 (New London), expiring on 3/18/21; Assistant Public Defender, Sanford O. Bruce, III, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), expiring on 3/18/21; and Senior Assistant Public Defender, Christine E. Schwartzstein, Geographical Area 20 (Norwalk), expiring on 3/24/21.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Public Defender, Kevin C. Barrs, New London Judicial District and Public Defender, Corrie-Ann L. Mainville, Litchfield Judicial District, upon the successful completion of their promotional probationary periods.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Stephanie M. O'Neil, Geographical Area 15 (New Britain); Payroll Officer, Robin Taylor, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford; and Director of Human Resources, Diane M. Fitzpatrick, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, upon the successful completion of their probationary periods.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:36 p.m. The reason

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 5:47 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Division's **Equal Employment Opportunity Plan 2015-2016**.

APPROVAL OF EQUAL  
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
PLAN 2015-2016

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, it was VOTED unanimously to table the Authorizations to Incur Expenses in the matters of John Brewer vs. Warden and Donald Grady vs. Warden. The Deputy Chief Public Defender will obtain more information for the expenses in these matters.

TABLING OF EXPENSES

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

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:52 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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The Commission came out of Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow  
Deputy Chief Public Defender