

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MAY 2, 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 (***Via Conference Call***)

Aimee Golbert, LCSW

Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza

**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 April 4, 2017 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A discussion took place regarding some Commission correspondence.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the list of attorney reappointments.

The Chief Public Defender further discussed the list of permanent statuses.

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, Matthew DiVito, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), expiring on 5/3/21; and Assistant Public Defender, Amelia Ruggeri, Geographical Area 1 (Stamford), expiring on 5/13/21.

ATTORNEY  
REAPPOINTMENTS

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, John T. Walkley, Danbury Judicial District/Geographical Area 3, upon the successful completion of his probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

The Chief Public Defender discussed the Division's budget and deficiencies.

The Chief Public Defender further discussed the In Re: Gault awards ceremony.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:45 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 5:51 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the job specifications for the Information Technology positions as submitted to the Commission.

APPROVAL OF JOB  
SPECIFICATIONS FOR  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
POSITIONS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of Robert Dearing vs. Warden pending the attorney providing previously requested information.

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

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow  
Deputy Chief Public Defender