

**MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
MAY 3, 2022**

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:39 p.m. via Zoom.

Members Present

Attorney Allison M. Near, **Chair**

Honorable Laura F. Baldini

G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq.

Aimee Golbert, LCSW

Others Present

John R. Day, Acting Chief Public Defender

Diane M. Fitzpatrick, Director of Human Resources

Susan Hamilton, Director of Delinquency Defense and Child Protection, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford

Danae A. Dwyer, Assistant Public Defender
Hartford/Rockville Juvenile Matters

Milton I. Walsh, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender
Geographical Area 12 (Manchester)

Erica L. Wardle, Senior Assistant Public Defender
Waterbury Juvenile Matters

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2022 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to go into Executive Session at 4:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 5:59 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to table all Authorizations to Incur Expenses until the next special meeting of May 16, 2022.

TABLING OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to appoint Attorney Danae A. Dwyer to the position of Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Waterbury Juvenile Matters.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
DANAE A. DWYER

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to appoint Attorney Christopher J. Brenes to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 12 (Manchester).

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
CHRISTOPHER J. BRENES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to ratify the appointment of Stephanie M. LaFantasie to the position of Public Defender Administrative Assistant, Complex Litigation Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

RATIFICATION OF
STEPHANIE M. LAFANTASIE

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Acting Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to reappoint the following attorneys to a new four-year term: Assistant Public Defender, Kathryn Mallach, Tolland Judicial District/Geographical Area 19,

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REAPPOINTMENTS

expiring on 5/11/2026; and Assistant Public Defender, Linda D. Babcock, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), expiring on 5/15/2026.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Acting Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to grant permanent status to Investigator II, John Bashta, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), upon the successful completion of his probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Acting Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to grant permanent status to Public Defender Secretary I, Lilibeth Bencosme, Torrington Judicial District/Geographical Area 18, upon the successful completion of her probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Acting Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to grant permanent status to Public Defender Secretary II, Heather Cremasco, Torrington Judicial District/Geographical Area 18, upon the successful completion of her probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Acting Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to grant permanent status to Public Defender Secretary II, Christopher Dutcher, Tolland Judicial District/Geographical Area 19, upon the successful completion of his probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Acting Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to grant permanent status to Investigator II, Christopher Gonsalves, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), upon the successful completion of his probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Acting Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to grant permanent status to Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Corey Berry, New Britain Judicial District/Geographical Area 15, upon the successful completion of his probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Acting Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to grant permanent status to Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Alexander Glomb, Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11, upon the successful completion of his probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Acting Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to grant permanent status to Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Albert Koziatek, New Britain Judicial District/Geographical Area 15, upon the successful completion of his probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Acting Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to grant permanent status to

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Social Worker I, Karina Vasquez, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), upon the successful completion of her probationary period.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to approve the outside employment request of Public Defender, TaShun Bowden-Lewis, Waterbury Judicial District.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to approve the outside employment request of Senior Assistant Public Defender, Dawn M. Bradanini, Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to approve the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, Rosanna Cappetta, Geographical Area 5 (Derby).

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to approve the outside employment request of Senior Assistant Public Defender, John Cizik, Waterbury Judicial District.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to approve the outside employment request of Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Rashad Glass, Geographical Area 4 (Waterbury).

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to approve the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, Katharine Goodbody,

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
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Connecticut Innocence Project/Post-Conviction Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to approve the outside employment request of Director of Delinquency Defense and Child Protection, Susan Hamilton, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to approve the outside employment request of Social Worker I, Rachel Sponzo, Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to approve the outside employment request of Social Worker I, Karina Vasquez, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven).

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There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Day
Acting Chief Public Defender