

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION  
MAY 24, 2022**

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The special meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 5:09 p.m. at the Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, Connecticut.

**Members Present**

Attorney Allison M. Near, **Chair**  
Honorable Laura F. Baldini  
G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq.  
Honorable William R. Dyson (*Conference Call*)  
Aimee Golbert, LCSW  
Honorable Ramona Mercado-Espinoza  
Honorable Kevin S. Russo

**Others Present**

Diane M. Fitzpatrick, Director of Human Resources  
TaShun Bowden-Lewis, Public Defender  
Waterbury Judicial District  
Susan I. Hamilton, Director of Delinquency Defense and Child  
Protection, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford  
Damian T. Tucker, Public Defender  
Hartford Judicial District  
David C. Warner, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender  
Geographical Area 14 (Hartford)

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by  
majority of the Commission to go into Executive Session at 5:12 p.m.

The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 9:15 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to appoint Attorney TaShun Bowden-Lewis to the position of Chief Public Defender.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Fitzpatrick  
Director of Human Resources