

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
MAY 7, 2013

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:35 p.m., at the Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden, Connecticut.

Members Present

Thomas J. Rechen, Esq., **Chair** (Via Conference Call)
Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey
Carl Eisenmann, Esq.
Monsignor William A. Genuario
Aimee Golbert, LCSW
Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza

Others Present

Susan O. Storey, Chief Public Defender
Brian S. Carlow, Deputy Chief Public Defender
Nancy M. Roberts, Director of Human Resources
Leslie K. Cavanagh, Public Defender
Waterbury Judicial District
Theresa Dalton, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender
Geographical Area 4 (Waterbury)

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2013 meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:36 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 4:47 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to appoint Attorney Nicole Donzello to the position of Assistant Public Defender, Waterbury Judicial District. Commission member, Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey abstained from the vote. The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 4:49 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 4:55 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to appoint Attorney David C. Warner to the position of Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 4 (Waterbury). Commission member, Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey abstained from the vote. The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to rescind the appointment of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Juliana Romano, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Attorney Matthew K. DiVito to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:00 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 5:05 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Angelica N. Papastavros to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Danbury Judicial District/Geographical Area 3. The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender at Step 3 of the Deputy Assistant Public Defender Salary Schedule.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:06 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 6:30 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to appoint Attorney Claudia D. Jones to the position of Public Defender, Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11. The

effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the list of permanent statuses.

The Chief Public Defender further discussed the attorney reappointments.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to reappoint the following attorney to a new four-year term: Assistant Public Defender, Amelia Ruggeri, Geographical Area 1 (Stamford), expiring on 5/13/17.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Public Defender Secretary, Angel Acevedo, Office of Chief Public Defender, Harford and Public Defender Secretary, Doreen Dawley, Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11, upon the successful completion of their probationary period.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, James B. Streeto, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 6:35 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.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 6:50 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the schedule of invoices as submitted to the Commission.

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

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the reclassification of Frank M. DiMatteo to the position of Project Manager, retroactive to April 1, 2013 and in lieu of his July's annual increase.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Compensation Plan for Exempt and Executive Assistant Public Defender employees.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow
Deputy Chief Public Defender