

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
MAY 5, 2015

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:40 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 (***Via Conference Call***)
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
Turkessa E. Antrum, Director of Human Resources

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2015 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:41 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 4:52 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to create the position of Fiscal Database Assistant, Assigned Counsel Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

CREATION OF FISCAL
DATABASE ASSISTANT
POSITION

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the educational leave request of Social Worker I, Sara Hodis, Geographical Area 18 (Bantam), for a total of 8 hours per month for six months.

APPROVAL OF
EDUCATIONAL LEAVE

The Chief Public Defender announces the Division's upcoming annual meeting of June 12, 2015.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the outside employment request of Senior Assistant Public Defender, John Cizik, Litchfield Judicial District.

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

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 4:59 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 5:28 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of State vs. Michael Mulville.

RATIFICATION OF
EXPENSES

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

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission. Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey abstained from the vote in the matters of State vs. Denzil Nurse and State vs. Carl Small.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

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, it was VOTED unanimously to reappoint the following attorney to a new four-year term: Assistant Public Defender, Jennifer L. Bourn, Capital Defense & Trial Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, expiring on 5/18/19.

ATTORNEY
REAPPOINTMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Chief of Legal Services, Lauren Weisfeld, Office of Chief Public Defender, Waterbury, upon the successful completion of her probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow
Deputy Chief Public Defender