

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
OCTOBER 4, 2016

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:34 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 William R. Dyson
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
Diane M. Fitzpatrick, Director of Human Resources

The Chairman asked the members of the Commission to observe a moment of silence in honor of the passing of former public defender, Commission member and Commission Chair, Carl D. Eisenmann.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN
HONOR OF FORMER CHAIR,
CARL D. EISENMANN

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2016 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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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 5:35 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, Dawn M. Bradanini, Geographical Area 10 (New London).

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the educational leave request of Social Worker II, Stacey Anglade, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport).

APPROVAL OF EDUCATIONAL
LEAVE REQUEST

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: Senior Assistant Public Defender, Leslie J. Cunningham, Tolland Judicial District/Geographical Area 19, expiring on 9/30/19; Assistant Public Defender, Peter J. Matthews, Geographical Area 17 (Bristol), expiring on 9/6/20; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Michael J. Richards, Geographical Area 4 (Waterbury), expiring on 9/8/20; Assistant Public Defender, Mark T. Johnson, Danbury Judicial District/Geographical Area 3, expiring on 9/12/20; Senior

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REAPPOINTMENTS

Assistant Public Defender, Todd A. Edgington, Geographical Area 15 (New Britain), expiring on 9/13/20; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Christopher C. Sheehan, Geographical Area 4 (Waterbury), expiring on 9/18/20; Assistant Public Defender, Karen S. Hardy-Massaró, Waterbury Juvenile Matters, expiring on 9/21/20; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Sandra J. Crowell, Geographical Area 15 (New Britain), expiring on 9/22/20; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Michael C. Walker, Hartford Juvenile Matters, expiring on 9/29/20; and Senior Assistant Public Defender, Janice N. Wolf, Geographical Area 10 (New London), expiring on 9/29/20.

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 Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Rosanna Cappetta, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport); Administrative Services Officer, Kymberly Cianci, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford; and Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, John R. DelBarba, Geographical Area 7 (Meriden), upon the successful completion of their probationary periods.

PERMANENT STATUS

The Chief Public Defender discussed the status of Commission reappointments. She noted that Commission member, G. Kenneth Bernhard, was reappointed. She also noted that she's awaiting other Commission reappointments.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:40 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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The Commission came out of Executive Session at 5:53 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to ratify the emailed-approved Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission. Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey abstained from the previous email vote in the matters of Terrell Canady vs. Warden and Kenneth Cross vs. Warden. Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale abstained from the vote in the matter of State vs. William Bradley.

RATIFICATION 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 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow
Deputy Chief Public Defender