

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
DECEMBER 5, 2017

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:33 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.
Honorable William R. Dyson
Aimee Golbert, LCSW
Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza
Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale

Others Present

Christine Perra Rapillo, Chief Public Defender
John R. Day, Deputy Chief Public Defender
Diane M. Fitzpatrick, Director of Human Resources

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2017 meeting. Commission member, G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq., abstained from the vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:35 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to deny the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of State vs. Krystal Alexis.

DENIAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of State vs. Cleiber Jacinto to obtain more information.

TABLING OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of State vs. Raymond Vega to obtain more information.

TABLING OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission or at the new amount set forth by the Commission. Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale abstained from the vote in the matter of State vs. Kenyon Joseph.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

There were no permanent statuses to discuss at this meeting.

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: Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Sean F. Kelly, Geographical Area 10 (New London), expiring on 12/14/21; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Barbara J. Sorrentino, Connecticut Innocence Project/Post Conviction Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill, expiring on 12/18/21; and Senior Assistant

ATTORNEY
REAPPOINTMENTS

Public Defender, M. Fred DeCaprio, Trial Services Unit, New London Judicial District, expiring on 12/31/21.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Damian T. Tucker to the position of Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 5 (Derby).

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
DAMIAN T. TUCKER

The Chief Public Defender discussed the outside employment request of Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, M. Elizabeth Reid, Geographical Area 20 (Norwalk).

The Chief Public Defender further discussed the outside employment request of Social Worker III, Kim McKeon, Psychiatric Defense Unit, Connecticut Valley Hospital, Middletown.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, M. Elizabeth Reid, Geographical Area 20 (Norwalk).

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Social Worker III, Kim McKeon, Psychiatric Defense Unit, Connecticut Valley Hospital, Middletown.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Meredith Ann Martin to the position of Investigator III, Middletown Judicial District/Geographical Area 9.

APPOINTMENT OF
MEREDITH ANN MARTIN

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Julia Lagerholm to the position of Investigator III, Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11.

APPOINTMENT OF
JULIA LAGERHOLM

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the 2018 Commission Meeting Dates.

APPROVAL OF 2018
COMMISSION MEETING
DATES

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Day
Deputy Chief Public Defender