

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
JANUARY 10, 2017

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:32 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 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

Diane M. Fitzpatrick, Director of Human Resources

Christine P. Rapillo, Director of Juvenile Delinquency

Defense and Child Protection Services

Stephen A. Hunt, Financial Director

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2016 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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, Claudia D. Jones, Hartford Judicial District, expiring on 1/3/21; Assistant Public Defender, Brian R. Pear, Geographical Area 4 (Waterbury), expiring on 1/7/21; Assistant Public Defender, Kelly Billings, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), expiring on 1/10/21; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Kevin C. Williams, Milford Judicial District/Geographical Area 22, expiring on 1/12/21; Public Defender, Thomas A. Ullmann, New Haven Judicial District, expiring on 1/13/21; and Senior Assistant Public Defender, James J. Pastore, Fairfield Judicial District, expiring on 1/23/21.

ATTORNEY
REAPPOINTMENTS

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, Alexandra Harrington, Connecticut Innocence Project/ Post Conviction Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill, upon the successful completion of her probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

The Chief Public Defender discussed the outside employment request of Senior Assistant Public Defender, Joseph E. Lopez, New Haven Judicial District.

The Chief Public Defender further discussed the outside employment request of Senior Assistant Public Defender, Beth A. Merkin, New Haven Judicial District.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Senior Assistant Public Defender, Joseph E. Lopez, New Haven Judicial District.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Senior Assistant Public Defender, Beth A. Merkin, New Haven Judicial District.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:38 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 5:14 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the amendments to the Division's Performance Guidelines for Counsel in Child Protection Matters.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS
TO THE PERFORMANCE
GUIDELINES FOR COUNSEL IN
CHILD PROTECTION MATTERS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of Irving Ortiz vs. Warden.

TABLING 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

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:16 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 6:55 p.m.

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