

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
JUNE 6, 2017

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:36 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
Honorable William R. Dyson (***Via Conference Call***)
Aimee Golbert, LCSW
Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza

Others Present

Susan O. Storey, Chief Public Defender
Diane M. Fitzpatrick, Director of Human Resources
Mary Haselkamp, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender
Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport)

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:40 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 5:27 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2017 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2017 special meeting.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL
MINUTES

There were no reclassifications 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: Assistant Public Defender, Angelica Papastavros, New Haven Judicial District, expiring on 6/13/21; Assistant Public Defender, Paul A. Shae, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), expiring on 6/13/21; Assistant Public Defender, Tanisha Williams, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), expiring on 6/13/21; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Robert J. Meredith, Hartford Judicial District, expiring on 6/29/21; and Senior Assistant Public Defender, Rosemary S. Montesi, Geographical Area 4 (Waterbury), expiring on 6/29/21.

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 the Director of Training, Alison Bloomquist, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, upon the successful completion of her probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

There were no compensation matters to discuss at this meeting.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the upcoming Division's Annual Meeting at the Omni New Haven Hotel.

There were no Commission correspondence to discuss at this meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the 2017-2018 Income Eligibility Guidelines for the Division.

APPROVAL OF 2017-2018
INCOME ELIGIBILITY
GUIDELINES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Senior Assistant Public Defender, Claudia D. Jones, Hartford Judicial District.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the outside employment request of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Rosanna L. Cappetta, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport).

RATIFICATION OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:33 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 6:05 p.m.

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. Jamaal Coltherst and State vs. Randall Michaels.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan O. Storey
Chief Public Defender