

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

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The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:35 p.m., in the conference room, at the Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, Connecticut.

**Members Present**

Thomas J. Rechen, Esq., **Chair**  
Honorable William R. Dyson  
Aimee Golbert, LCSW  
Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza  
Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale (***Via Conference Call***)

**Others Present**

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

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2017 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:44 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 6:00 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Alix C. Walmsley to the position of Director of Assigned Counsel, Office of Chief Public Defender, and Hartford.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.  
ALIX C. WALMSLEY

The Chief Public Defender discussed human resources matters.

The Chief Public Defender further discussed the list of attorney reappointments.

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: Public Defender, Susan A. Brown, Milford Judicial District/Geographical Area 22, expiring on 11/6/21; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Kimberly A. Colfer, Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11, expiring on 11/12/21; Senior Assistant Public Defender, David G.E. Smith, Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11, expiring on 11/12/21; and Assistant Public Defender, Laura E. Bryll, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), expiring on 11/14/21.

ATTORNEY  
REAPPOINTMENTS

There were no permanent statuses to discuss at this meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, Laura E. Bryll, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford).

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, John Cizik, Jr., Waterbury Judicial District.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE  
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 6:11 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 6:42 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Danielle Johnson to the position of Public Defender Administrative Assistant, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

APPOINTMENT OF  
DANIELLE JOHNSON

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the hiring of three attorneys, three investigators and a temporary sessional assistant for the 2018 legislative session.

APPROVAL OF HIRING

The next regularly scheduled Commission meeting will be on December 5, 2017.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Day  
Deputy Chief Public Defender