

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
OCTOBER 3, 2017

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:28 p.m., in the conference room, at the Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present

Aimee Golbert, LCSW, **Acting Chair**
G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq. (***Via Conference Call***)
Honorable William R. Dyson
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 September 12, 2017 meeting. Commission members, Aimee Golbert and Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza abstained from the vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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 job specification for the Director of Assigned Counsel.

APPROVAL OF JOB
SPECIFICATION FOR DIRECTOR
OF ASSIGNED COUNSEL

The Chief Public Defender 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: Senior Assistant Public Defender, Bruce Weiant, Geographical Area 5 (Derby), expiring on 10/2/21; Public Defender, David Channing, Tolland Judicial District/Geographical Area 19, expiring on 10/3/21; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Alice Osedach-Powers, Fairfield Judicial District, expiring on 10/6/21; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Ann Guillet, Geographical Area 13 (Enfield), expiring on 10/14/21; Senior Assistant Public Defender, William O'Connor, III, Hartford Judicial District, expiring on 10/14/21; and Senior Assistant Public Defender, David Nanavaty, Waterbury Juvenile Matters, expiring on 10/16/21.

ATTORNEY
REAPPOINTMENTS

There were no permanent statuses to discuss at this meeting.

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

APPOINTMENT OF
TAMMIE L. PARKER

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 6:45 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Beth A. Merkin to the position of Public Defender, New Haven Judicial District.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
BETH A. MERKIN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Day
Deputy Chief Public Defender