

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

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**

G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq. (***Via Conference Call***)

Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey

Honorable William R. Dyson

Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale

Others Present

Susan O. Storey, Chief Public Defender

Christine P. Rapillo, Acting Deputy Chief Public Defender

Diane M. Fitzpatrick, Director of Human Resources

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2017 regular meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2017 special meeting.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2017 special meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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: Assistant Public Defender, Robert Famigletti, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), expiring on 9/9/21; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Alix Walmsley, Geographical Area 21 (Norwich), expiring on 9/9/21; and Public Defender, Joseph Bruckmann, Fairfield Judicial District, expiring on 9/24/21.

ATTORNEY
REAPPOINTMENTS

There were no permanent statuses to discuss at this meeting.

There were no miscellaneous items or correspondence to discuss at this meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:39 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 4:52 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Director of Juvenile Post-Conviction and Re-Entry Unit, James Connolly, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Director

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of Assigned Counsel, John Day, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, Ann Parrent, Capital Defense and Trial Services, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, Keith Zackowitz, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven).

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Public Defender, Barry Butler, Stamford/Norwalk Judicial District.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the hiring of two temporary investigators for a six-month period.

APPROVAL OF HIRING TWO
TEMPORARY INVESTIGATORS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 4:55 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 5:55 p.m.

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

TABLING OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve an additional \$2,500 in expenses in the matter of State vs. Anthony Johnson.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission. The Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey did not participate in the vote in the matter of Ramon Lopez vs. Warden.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:59 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-210(b)(10) 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 to approve the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of State vs. Wilson Bryant. The Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey did not participate in the vote.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 6:01 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 6:43 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Susan Hamilton to the position of Director of Delinquency Defense and Child Protection, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
SUSAN HAMILTON

The current Chief Public Defender addressed the Commission to commemorate on her impending retirement. Chairman Rechen thanked her for her service and devotion to serving indigent people in Connecticut and upholding constitutional standards. Chairman Rechen indicated that he was proud to have had her at the helm of the agency.

The next regularly scheduled Commission meeting will be held on October 3, 2017.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine P. Rapillo
Acting Deputy Chief Public Defender