

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**  
**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**APRIL 10, 2018**

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The special meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:31 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.  
Aimee Golbert, LCSW  
Honorable Hillary B. Strackbein  
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  
Kevin Munn, Esq., Kirschbaum Law Group  
Andrew O'Shea, Esq., Kirschbaum Law Group

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the revised minutes of the February 6, 2018 meeting.

APPROVAL OF REVISED  
MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2018 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:34 p.m. The reason

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

There were no attorney reappointments to discuss at this meeting.

There were no permanent statuses to discuss at this meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney TaShun Bowden-Lewis to the position of Public Defender, Waterbury Judicial District.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.  
TASHUN BOWDEN-LEWIS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Kathryn A. Mallach to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Tolland Judicial District/Geographical Area 19.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.  
KATHRYN A. MALLACH

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Madelyn Montalvan to the position of Investigator I, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport).

RATIFICATION OF  
MADELYN MONTALVAN

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

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE  
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

The Chief Public Defender and Deputy Chief Public Defender discussed the Division's budget.

The Chief Public Defender and Deputy Chief Public Defender further discussed a request to advertise the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Connecticut Innocence Project/Post Conviction Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill. This position is to replace an attorney who is leaving.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to advertise the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Connecticut Innocence Project/Post Conviction Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE  
POSITION

The Deputy Chief Public Defender discussed his plans to evaluate expenses and to submit a plan to the Commission.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously for the Deputy Chief Public Defender to come up with a plan to evaluate expenses.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 7:12 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.

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The Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:44 p.m.

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

TABLING OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to deny without prejudice, the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of Michael Smith vs. Warden to obtain more information.

DENIAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to deny without prejudice, the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of Lamont Thergood vs. Warden to obtain more information.

DENIAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to ratify the emailed-approved Authorizations to Incur Expenses in the matter of State vs. Lucan Davila. Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale abstained from the vote.

RATIFICATION OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve all other Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission. Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale abstained from the vote in the matters of State vs. Douglas Monroe and State vs. Jamal Sumler.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Day  
Deputy Chief Public Defender