

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
AUGUST 15, 2018**

The special meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:40 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 William R. Dyson (*Via Conference Call*)

Aimee Golbert, LCSW

Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza

Honorable Hillary B. Strackbein (*Via Conference Call*)

Others Present

Christine Perra Rapillo, Chief Public Defender

John R. Day, Deputy Chief Public Defender

Corrie-Ann Mainville, Public Defender

Torrington Judicial District/Geographical Area 18

Bevin Salmon, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender

Geographical Area 23 (New Haven)

David Warner, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender

Geographical Area 14 (Hartford)

The Chief Public Defender briefly discussed the appointments on the agenda.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:57 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 5:28 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Alexandra R. Georgieva to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 18 (Torrington).

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
ALEXANDRA R. GEORGIEVA

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Samuel Allan Greenberg to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven).

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
SAMUEL ALLAN GREENBERG

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Dean J. Velodota to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford).

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
DEAN J. VELODOTA

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Meghan Jennette Therkildsen to the position of Investigator II, Geographical Area 17 (Bristol).

APPOINTMENT OF
MEGHAN JENNETTE
THERKILDSEN

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Daniel T. Bellantuono to the position of Investigator II, Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11.

APPOINTMENT OF
DANIEL T. BELLANTUONO

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Michele Paquette to the position of Payroll Officer, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

APPOINTMENT OF
MICHELE PAQUETTE

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Attorney Donna J. Candella to the federal grant position of Temporary Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Civil Gideon Pilot, Waterbury Family Court.

RATIFICATION OF ATTY.
DONNA J. CANDELLA

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Tonya S. Grace to the position of Investigator I, Middletown Judicial District/Geographical Area 9.

RATIFICATION OF
TONYA S. GRACE

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Dayane Weinzierl to the position of Part-Time Public Defender Clerk, Danbury Judicial District/Geographical Area 3.

RATIFICATION OF
DAYANE WEINZIERL

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2018 meeting. Honorable Hillary B. Strackbein abstained from the vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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, Scott Abkowicz, Geographical Area 13 (Enfield), expiring on 8/5/22; Assistant Public Defender, Sean Crowshaw, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), expiring on 8/11/22; Assistant Public Defender, Benjamin Aponte, Geographical Area 1 (Stamford), expiring on 8/21/22; Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Tracy Jo Mathis, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), expiring on 8/22/22; Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Paul Scafariello, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), expiring on 8/22/22; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Susan M. Cococcia,

ATTORNEY
REAPPOINTMENTS

Tolland Judicial District/Geographical Area 19, expiring on 8/31/22; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Kelly J. Goulet-Case, Geographical Area 15 (New Britain), expiring on 8/31/22; and Public Defender, Beth Merkin, New Haven Judicial District, expiring on 8/31/22.

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 Director of Assigned Counsel, Alix C. Walmsley, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, upon the successful completion of her promotional probationary period.

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 Public Defender Administrative Assistant, Danielle Johnson, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, upon the successful completion of her promotional probationary period.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Public Defender, TaShun Bowden-Lewis, Waterbury Judicial District.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Social Worker III, Phetsamon DiLullo, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Senior Assistant Public Defender, Joseph Lopez, Connecticut Innocence

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Project/Post-Conviction Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Senior Assistant Public Defender, Adele V. Patterson, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Waterbury.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, M. Elizabeth Reid, Geographical Area 20 (Norwalk).

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:35 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 6:45 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the following email-approved Authorization to Incur Expenses: 815001.

RATIFICATION OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the following Authorizations to Incur Expenses to obtain more information: 815002, 815003, 815004 and 815005.

TABLING OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to deny the following Authorization to Incur Expenses: 815006.

DENIAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the following Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission: 815007, 815008, 815009, 815010, 815011, 815012 and 815013.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve in part the **Proposed Hiring Plan 2018/19** for the Division. The Commission will review the plan in the future at its January 2019 meeting.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED HIRING PLAN 2018/19

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the **Proposed Indigence Guidelines for Public Defender Services, Fiscal Year 2018/19.**

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED INDIGENCE GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES, FISCAL YEAR 2018/19

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to reclassify Public Defender Secretary, Tania D. Morillo to the position of Paralegal I, Connecticut Innocence Project/Post Conviction Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill.

RECLASSIFICATION OF TANIA D. MORILLO

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Day
Deputy Chief Public Defender