

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 6, 2018

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:37 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***)
Aimee Golbert, LCSW
Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza
Honorable Hillary B. Strackbein
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
Todd A. Bussert, Esq., Frost/Bussert LLC
John Cizik, Jr., Senior Assistant Public Defender
Waterbury Judicial District
Sean F. Kelly, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender
Geographical Area 10 (New London)
Joseph E. Lopez, Senior Assistant Public Defender
Connecticut Innocence Project/Post Conviction Unit
John T. Walkley, Public Defender
Danbury Judicial District/Geographical Area 3

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:37 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 6:05 p.m.	
Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Stephen G. Foran to the position of Systems Analyst, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.	APPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN G. FORAN
Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Michael Miller to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 10 (New London).	APPOINTMENT OF ATTY. MICHAEL MILLER
Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Thomas P. Denihan, Jr. to the position of Investigator III, Danbury Judicial District/Geographical Area 3.	APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS P. DENIHAN, JR.
Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to deny the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of <u>State vs. Erica Weinman</u> .	DENIAL OF EXPENSES
Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to deny the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of <u>State vs. Robert White</u> . The Commission will reconsider	DENIAL OF EXPENSES

this request once Attorney Joseph E. Lopez better evaluates his need.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to deny the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of State vs. Ronnie Hinton.

DENIAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to deny the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of State vs. Krystal Alexis. The Commission requested that Attorney Michael Moscovitz attend the next meeting to discuss this request.

DENIAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 6:10 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 6:40 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the updated Assigned Counsel chapter of the Division's Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual until the next meeting.

TABLING OF UPDATED
ASSIGNED COUNSEL CHAPTER
OF THE DIVISION'S
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND
PROCEDURES MANUAL

There were no permanent statuses to discuss at this meeting.

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, Megan W. Ocampo, Geographical

ATTORNEY
REAPPOINTMENTS

Area 14 (Hartford), expiring on 2/26/22; Assistant Public Defender, Victoria A. Pells, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), expiring on 2/26/22; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Richard J. Perry, Geographical Area 21 (Norwich), expiring on 2/27/22; and Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Damian T. Tucker, Geographical Area 5 (Derby), expiring on 2/27/22.

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