

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
JANUARY 9, 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.
Aimee Golbert, LCSW
Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza
Honorable Hillary B. Strackbein

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
George D. Flores, Public Defender
Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11
Corrie-Ann Mainville, Public Defender
Litchfield Judicial District
M. Elizabeth Reid, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender
Geographical Area 20 (Norwalk)

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2017 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Financial Director, Stephen A. Hunt, updated the Commission on the Division's budget.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 5:00 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 6:46 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Richard J. Perry to the position of Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 21 (Norwich).

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
RICHARD J. PERRY

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Tamara A. DeBerry to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Litchfield Judicial District.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
TAMARA A. DEBERRY

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Marc D. McKay to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Windham Judicial District/ Geographical Area 11.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
MARC D. MCKAY

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Richard H. Stannard, III to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 20 (Norwalk).

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
RICHARD H. STANNARD, III

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Donna M. Henry to the position of Investigator III, Litchfield Judicial District.

APPOINTMENT OF
DONNA M. HENRY

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the position of Investigator I, Geographical Area 13 (Enfield).

TABLING OF POSITION

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: Director of Delinquency Defense and Child Protection, Susan Hamilton, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, expiring on 1/10/22; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Scott M. Jones, New Haven Judicial District, expiring on 1/11/22; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Michael S. Alevy, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), expiring on 1/13/22; Assistant Public Defender, John L. Stawicki, Hartford Judicial District, expiring on 1/15/22; and Public Defender, R. Bruce Lorenzen, Hartford Judicial District, expiring on 1/16/22.

ATTORNEY
REAPPOINTMENTS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 6:49 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 7:27 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the following positions as new hires: Deputy

APPROVAL OF POSITIONS

Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 10 (New London); Investigator I, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport); Investigator III, Danbury Judicial District/Geographical Area 3; and Systems Analyst, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the outside employment request of Senior Assistant Public Defender, Joseph E. Lopez, Connecticut Innocence Project/Post Conviction Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill.

The Chief Public Defender further discussed the outside employment request of Investigator III, Paul A. Farley, New Britain Judicial District.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Senior Assistant Public Defender, Joseph E. Lopez, Connecticut Innocence Project/Post Conviction Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Investigator III, Paul A. Farley, New Britain Judicial District.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 7:31 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 7:53 p.m.

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.

DENIAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the Authorizations to Incur Expenses in the matters of State vs. Eric Bowden, State vs. Natasha Figueroa, State vs. Jermaine Harris, State vs. Kenyon Joseph, and David Taylor vs. Warden to obtain more information.

TABLING OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve all other Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission or at the new amount set forth by the Commission.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to deny the payment of excessively late invoices as submitted to the Commission by Attorney Mark Hauslaib.

DENIAL OF PAYMENT OF
EXCESSIVELY LATE INVOICES

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Day
Deputy Chief Public Defender