

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
MARCH 6, 2018

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:32 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 (***Via Conference Call***)

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

Michael L. Moscovitz, Esq.

Law Office of Michael L. Moscovitz, LLC

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2018 meeting with an amendment to the Executive Session. The amended minutes with the Executive Session will be submitted at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED

PERMANENT STATUS

unanimously to grant permanent status to Investigator III, Julia Lagerholm, Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11, upon the successful completion of her promotional probationary period.

There were no attorney reappointments to discuss at this meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Senior Assistant Public Defender, John Cizik, Jr., Waterbury Judicial District.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Tamara A. DeBerry, Litchfield Judicial District.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Public Defender Clerk, Maria I Melendez, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport).

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EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

The Commission discussed an article in the Connecticut Law Tribune regarding the Division and the Chief Public Defender's response.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:47 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 5:29 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of <u>Gary Cooke vs. Warden</u> to obtain more information.	TABLING OF EXPENSES
Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of <u>State vs. Jamal Sumler</u> 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 <u>Eric Amado vs. Warden</u> .	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 <u>Christopher Mankins vs. Warden</u> .	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 <u>James Reno vs. Warden</u> .	DENIAL OF EXPENSES
Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of <u>State vs. Krystal Alexis</u> .	APPROVAL 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.	APPROVAL OF EXPENSES
Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. The	EXECUTIVE SESSION

reason 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 5:55 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the hiring of five new attorneys and two new investigators.

APPROVAL OF HIRING

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to change the next Commission meeting date to April 10, 2018.

COMMISSION MEETING DATE
CHANGE

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Day
Deputy Chief Public Defender