

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
MAY 1, 2018

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:30 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

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
M. Elizabeth Reid, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender
Geographical Area 20 (Norwalk)

A moment of silence was observed in honor of former Public Defender, Thomas A. Ullmann.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN
HONOR OF
THOMAS A. ULLMANN

A discussion took place regarding the Division's ideas for plans to honor former Public Defender, Thomas A. Ullmann.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2018 special meeting. Commission member, Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza 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 attorney to a new four-year term: Assistant Public Defender, Linda D. Babcock, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), expiring on 5/15/22.

ATTORNEY
REAPPOINTMENT

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 Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, David C. Warner, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford) and Investigator III, Thomas P. Denihan, Jr., Danbury Judicial District/Geographical Area 3, upon the successful completion of their promotional probationary periods.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Investigator III, Julia Lagerholm, Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:49 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 5:48 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Alex Stagnaro to the position of Investigator I, Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11.

RATIFICATION OF
ALEX STAGNARO

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney David G. Bothwell to the position of Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 20 (Norwalk).

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
DAVID G. BOTHWELL

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 approve all other Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Day
Deputy Chief Public Defender