

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**OCTOBER 2, 2018**

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The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:35 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  
Theresa M. Dalton, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender  
Geographical Area 4 (Waterbury)  
John Walkley, Public Defender  
Danbury Judicial District/Geographical Area 3

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the amended minutes of the August 15, 2018 special meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2018 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:36 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 5:34 p.m.

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: Public Defender, Tashun Bowden-Lewis, Waterbury Judicial District, expiring on 4/13/22; Public Defender, Barry A. Butler, Stamford Judicial District/Geographical Area 1, expiring on 10/1/22; Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Diana Gomez, Geographical Area 5 (Derby), expiring on 10/17/22; Assistant Public Defender, Katharine Goodbody, Connecticut Innocence Project/Post Conviction Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill, expiring on 10/17/22; and Senior Assistant Public Defender, Margaret G. H. Moreau, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), expiring on 10/17/22.

ATTORNEY  
REAPPOINTMENTS

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, Richard J. Perry, Jr., Geographical Area 21 (Norwich), upon the successful completion of his promotional probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

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, Damian Tucker, Geographical Area 5 (Derby), upon the successful completion of his promotional probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the revised Chapter 6 (Financial Eligibility for Public Defender Services) of the Division's Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual.

APPROVAL OF REVISED  
CHAPTER 6 (FINANCIAL  
ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC  
DEFENDER SERVICES)

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Lida Duke Angier to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Danbury Judicial District/ Geographical Area 3.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.  
LIDA DUKE ANGIER

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

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.  
SCOTT JONGBLOED

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Amy L. Zurlo to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 4 (Waterbury).

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.  
AMY L. ZURLO

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Stanley M. Morillo to the position of Public Defender Secretary, Middletown Judicial District/ Geographical Area 9.

RATIFICATION OF  
STANLEY M. MORILLO

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Jahmille Soares to the position of Part-Time Public Defender Clerk, Hartford Community Court.

RATIFICATION OF  
JAHMILLE SOARES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:38 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 6:18 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the proposed recruitment plan for new and more diverse attorney applicants.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED  
RECRUITMENT PLAN

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the following Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission: 101801, 101802, 101803, 101805, 101807, 101808 and 101809. Honorable Hillary B. Strackbein abstained from the vote in the following Authorizations to Incur Expenses: 101802 and 101803.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the following Authorizations to Incur Expenses to obtain more information: 101804 and 101806.

TABLING OF EXPENSES

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Day  
Deputy Chief Public Defender