

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

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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*)  
Aimee Golbert, LCSW  
Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza  
Honorable Hillary B. Strackbein  
Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale

**Others Present**

Christine Perra Rapillo, Chief Public Defender  
John R. Day, Deputy Chief Public Defender  
Diane M. Fitzpatrick, Director of Human Resources  
Lauren Weisfeld, Chief of Legal Services  
Office of Chief Public Defender, Waterbury

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:32 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 4:36 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2018 special meeting. Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale abstained from the vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 4:45 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 5:58 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Jennifer L. Bourn to the position of Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.  
JENNIFER L. BOURN

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Ronald E. Onofrio to the position of Investigator II, Geographical Area 7 (Meriden).

APPOINTMENT OF  
RONALD E. ONOFRIO

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to reclassify Public Defender Clerk, Kenya Rideout, to the position of Public Defender Secretary, Hartford Judicial District.

RECLASSIFICATION OF  
KENYA RIDEOUT

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: Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Nicole Feinberg, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), expiring on 9/5/22; Assistant Public Defender, Sonia Jones, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), expiring on 9/9/22; Assistant Public Defender, Molly Arabolos,

ATTORNEY  
REAPPOINTMENTS

Hartford Judicial District, expiring on 9/10/22; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Sandra A. Davis, Geographical Area 13 (Enfield), expiring on 9/16/22; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Claud Chong, Hartford Judicial District, expiring on 9/29/22; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Renee L. Cimino, New Haven Juvenile Matters, expiring on 9/29/22; and Senior Assistant Public Defender, David A. Smith, Geographical Area 7 (Meriden), expiring on 9/29/22.

There were no permanent statuses to discuss at this meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, Cynthia Barlow, Tolland Judicial District/Geographical Area 19.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE  
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, Sanford O. Bruce, III, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven).

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE  
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Public Defender, Barry A. Butler, Stamford Judicial District/Geographical Area 1.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE  
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

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 Director of Juvenile Post-Conviction and Re-Entry Unit, James J. Connolly, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, Toni Esposito, Geographical Area 7 (Meriden).

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, Maya K. Sparks, Geographical Area 1 (Stamford).

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, Keith Zackowitz, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven).

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 6:00 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 6:19 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to deny without prejudice the following Authorizations to Incur Expenses: 911001, 911002, 911003, 911004 and 911005.

DENIAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED APPROVAL OF EXPENSES unanimously to approve the following Authorization to Incur Expenses: 911006.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Day  
Deputy Chief Public Defender