

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION  
APRIL 2, 2019**

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The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:36 p.m., in the conference room, at the Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, Connecticut.

**Members Present**

Thomas J. Rechen, Esq., **Chair**  
Aimee Golbert, LCSW  
Honorable Elpedio Vitale (***Via Conference Call***)  
Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza  
Honorable Hillary B. Strackbein

**Others Present**

Christine Rapillo, Chief Public Defender  
John R. Day, Deputy Chief Public Defender  
Diane M. Fitzpatrick, Director of Human Resources  
Thomas Hennick, Freedom of Information Commission  
Damian Tucker, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender,  
Geographical Area 5 (Derby)  
Joseph Bruckmann, Public Defender, Judicial District  
Fairfield  
Mary Haselkamp, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender,  
Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport)  
Attorney Robert Kappes, Silvester & Kappes, LLC

Presentation by Thomas Hennick, Freedom of Information Commission regarding the laws of commission meetings and what constitutes the various types of meetings.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2019 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion of the Division's budget.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Jennifer Flynn.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE  
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Discussion of soon to be VISTA volunteer coming to the Office of Chief Public Defender to assist the agency with creating a community engagement plan.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 5:24. 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 5:49 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Isaias Pedraza to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport).

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.  
ISAIAS L. PEDRAZA

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Benedict Daigle to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender/Legislative/Family Magistrate, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.  
BENEDICT DAIGLE

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Kelly Billings to the position of Assistant Public Defender, Fairfield Judicial District.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.  
KELLY M. BILLINGS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Stephanie Cinque to the position of Social Worker II, Geographical Area 5 (Derby).

APPOINTMENT OF  
STEPHANIE N. CINQUE

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Rebekah Whelan to the position of Secretary I, (Part-Time) Middletown, Judicial District/ Geographical Area 9.

APPOINTMENT OF  
REBEKAH WHELAN

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Adam Stanclift to the position of Investigator II, Hartford Judicial District.

APPOINTMENT OF  
ADAM J. STANCLIFT

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 5:51. 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 6:16 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the following Authorization to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission: (04023); (Honorable Hillary B. Strackbein abstained); (04024); (Honorable Hillary B. Strackbein abstained); (04021); (Honorable Hillary B. Strackbein abstained); (04029); (Honorable Hillary B. Strackbein abstained); (04022); (Honorable Hillary B. Strackbein abstained); (04025) and 04026.

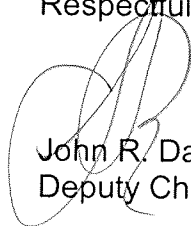
APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the following Authorization to Incur Expenses: (040210); (040211); (04028) and (04027).

TABLING OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John R. Day", written over a circular stamp or seal.

John R. Day  
Deputy Chief Public Defender