

**MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
JANUARY 8, 2019**

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

Aimee Golbert, LCSW, **Acting Chair**
G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq. (***Via Conference Call***)
Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza
Honorable Hillary B. Strackbein (***Via Conference Call***)
Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale (***Via Conference Call***)

Others Present

John R. Day, Deputy Chief Public Defender
Diane M. Fitzpatrick, Director of Human Resources
John DelBarba, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender
Geographical Area 7 (Meriden)
Bevin O. Salmon, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender
Geographical Area 23 (New Haven)
Milton I. Walsh, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender
Geographical Area 12 (Manchester)

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2018 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Assistant Public Defender, David Bothwell, Geographical Area 20 (Norwalk).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Social Worker III, Kim McKeon, Psychiatric Defense Unit, Connecticut Valley Hospital, Middletown.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

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: Assistant Public Defender, Catherine O. Brennan, New Haven Judicial District, expiring on 1/19/2023; Assistant Public Defender, Rashad Glass, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), expiring on 1/19/2023; and Assistant Public Defender, Erica Wardle, Waterbury Juvenile Matters, expiring on 1/19/2023.

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 Public Defender, TaShun Bowden-Lewis, Waterbury Judicial District, upon the successful completion of her 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 Investigator I, Tonya Grace, Middletown Judicial District/Geographical Area 9, upon the successful completion of her promotional probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 5:26 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Attorney Jennifer R. Flynn to the temporary federal grant position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Early Appointment of Counsel for Juveniles.

RATIFICATION OF ATTY.
JENNIFER R. FLYNN

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of LaQueshia Clemons to the shared position of Social Worker I, Bridgeport/Middletown Juvenile Matters.

RATIFICATION OF
LAQUESHIA CLEMONS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Kumeh Bestman to the position of Social Worker I, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven).

RATIFICATION OF
KUMEH BESTMAN

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Chaneil Beckford to the position of Social Worker I, Geographical Area 4 (Waterbury).

RATIFICATION OF
CHANEIL BECKFORD

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Alexis Angotta to the position of Investigator I, Geographical Area 1 (Stamford).

RATIFICATION OF
ALEXIS ANGOTTA

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Kathleen M. O'Neill to the position of Public Defender Secretary II, Geographical Area 17 (Bristol).

RATIFICATION OF
KATHLEEN M. O'NEILL

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Angela Cortese to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 12 (Manchester).

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
ANGELA CORTESE

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Daniel M. Baker to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 7 (Meriden).

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
DANIEL M. BAKER

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Justine Whalen to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven).

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
JUSTINE WHALEN

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Jodi Desautels to the shared position of Social Worker II, New London Judicial District/Geographical Area 21 (Norwich).

APPOINTMENT OF
JODI DESAUTELS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Stephen M. Suchy to the position of Investigator III, Connecticut Innocence Project/Post Conviction Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill.

APPOINTMENT OF
STEPHEN M. SUCHY

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table all other items on the agenda that were not addressed at this meeting.

TABLING OF AGENDA ITEMS

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Day
Deputy Chief Public Defender