

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
JULY 2, 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

G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq. *(Via Conference Call)*
Honorable William R. Dyson *(Via Conference Call)*
Aimee Golbert, LCSW
Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza
Thomas J. Rechen, Esq., **Chair**
Honorable Hillary B. Strackbein *(Via Conference Call)*

Others Present

Christine Perra Rapillo, Chief Public Defender
John R. Day, Deputy Chief Public Defender
Diane M. Fitzpatrick, Director of Human Resources
George Flores, Public Defender
Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11
James Sexton, Esq., Sexton & Company

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2019 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chief Public Defender notified the Commission that there were no reclassifications, miscellaneous matters or Commission correspondence to discuss at this meeting.

The Chief Public Defender further notified the Commission that the Bristol GA 17 courthouse would close in August. The Chief Public Defender, Deputy Chief Public Defender and the Director of Human Resources are working with the Division's staff and relevant unions to relocate employees. All cases will be transferred to New Britain Judicial District.

CLOSURE OF BRISTOL GA 17
COURTHOUSE

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:35 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 5:45 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Dawn M. Bradanini to the position of Assistant Public Defender, Windham Judicial District/ Geographical Area 11.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
DAWN M. BRADANINI

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Jamie E. Piccoli to the position of Social Worker II, Torrington Judicial District.

APPOINTMENT OF
JAMIE E. PICCOLI

The Chief Public Defender discussed a proposed amendment to the Public Defender Administrative Manual, Section 4, **Approval and Payment of Expenses** and Section 12, **Assigned Counsel**.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the amendment to Section 4, **Approval and Payment of Expenses** of the Public Defender Administrative Manual.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO
SECTION 4 OF THE PUBLIC
DEFENDER ADMINISTRATIVE
MANUAL – **APPROVAL AND
PAYMENT OF EXPENSES**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the amendment to Section 12, **Assigned Counsel** of the Public Defender Administrative Manual.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO
SECTION 12 OF THE PUBLIC
DEFENDER ADMINISTRATIVE
MANUAL – **ASSIGNED COUNSEL**

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 II, Ronald Onofrio, Geographical Area 7 (Meriden), upon the successful completion of his 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 Public Defender Secretary II, Debra Jennett, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Waterbury, upon the successful completion of her 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, Jennifer Bourn, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, 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 Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Chester Fernandez, New Britain Judicial District/ Geographical Area 15, upon the successful completion of his 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 Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Ashley Richard, New Britain Judicial District/Geographical Area 15, upon the successful completion of her 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 Assistant Public Defender, David Bothwell, Geographical Area 20 (Norwalk), upon the successful completion of his probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, Ann Parrent, Legal Services Unit, 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, Rosanna L. Cappetta, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport).

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the following Authorizations to Incur Expenses: 71902, 71904, and 71905.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the following Authorizations to Incur Expenses: 71901 and 71903.

TABLING OF EXPENSES

The Commission discussed the schedule for future meetings. It was agreed to cancel the August meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on September 10, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. at the Office of Chief Public Defender.

CANCELLATION OF AUGUST
COMMISSION MEETING

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