

**MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
MARCH 5, 2019**

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:34 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
Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza
G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq. (*Via Conference Call*)
Honorable Hillary B. Strackbein (*Via Conference Call*)
William Dyson (*Via Conference Call*)

Others Present

Christine Rapillo, Chief Public Defender
John R. Day, Deputy Chief Public Defender
Diane M. Fitzpatrick, Director of Human Resources
Stephen A. Hunt, Financial Director
Michael Isko, Public Defender, New Britain, Judicial District/
Geographical Area #15.
Attorney Jessica Walker, Kirschbaum Law Group, LLC

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2019 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:35. 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 6:20 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: Assistant Public Defender, Carla Droniak, Bridgeport Geographical Area 2, expiring on 2/20/23; Assistant Public Defender, Jessica Luu Missios, New Haven Geographical Area 23, expiring on 3/1/23; Assistant Public Defender, Drummond Smith, Norwalk Geographical Area 20, expiring on 2/20/23; Director, CT Innocence Project/Post Conviction Unit, Darcy McGraw, OCPD, expiring on 3/25/23; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Stephen Hanchuruck, New Haven Juvenile, expiring on 3/24/20; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Pamela Nagy, Waterbury, Legal Services Unit, expiring on 2/20/23.

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 Investigator I, Virginia Knudsen, Manchester Geographical Area 12 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 System Analyst, Steve Foran, Hartford OCPD 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, Marc McKay, Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11; Assistant Public Defender, Michael Miller, New London Geographical Area 10; Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Richard Stannard III, upon the successful completion of their probationary periods.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED unanimously to provide a \$2500 stipend to Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, David Warner, Hartford, Geographical Area 14, for his contribution to the agency of his recently published practice guide.

APPROVAL OF STIPEND

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Tiana Hercules to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, New Britain, Judicial District/Geographical Area 15.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
TIANA HERCULES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Amber Story to the position of Investigator I, Bridgeport Geographical Area 2.

APPOINTMENT OF
AMBER STORY

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the hiring plan presented by the Chief Public Defender.

HIRING PLAN

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 6:25. 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 6:35 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: (03053); (03054); (03055); (03056); (Honorable Hillary B. Strackbein voted to deny.) (03057); (03058) and 030514.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the following Authorization to Incur Expenses: 030510 and 030511.

TABLING OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to deny the following Authorization to Incur Expenses: 030513.

DENIAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 6:40. 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 6:43 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the following Authorization to Incur Expenses: (03059) and (030512).

TABLING OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the following Authorization to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission: (03052).

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John R. Day
Deputy Chief Public Defender