

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

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

**Others Present**

Christine Perra Rapillo, Chief Public Defender  
John R. Day, Deputy Chief Public Defender  
Diane M. Fitzpatrick, Director of Human Resources  
Michael J. Isko, Public Defender  
New Britain Judicial District/Geographical Area 15  
Sean F. Kelly, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender  
Geographical Area 10 (New London) (**Conference Call**)  
Darcy McGraw, Director  
Connecticut Innocence Project/Post Conviction Unit  
Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED  
unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2019 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:36 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) and Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 5:17 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Amanda E. Smallhorn to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Connecticut Innocence Project/Post Conviction Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.  
AMANDA E. SMALLHORN

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Joshua Perldeiner to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 15 (New Britain).

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.  
JOSHUA PERLDEINER

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Aimee Lynn Mahon to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 10 (New London).

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.  
AIMEE LYNN MAHON

The Chief Public Defender discussed the list of attorney reappointments.

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: Senior Assistant Public Defender, Frank Halloran, Milford

ATTORNEY  
REAPPOINTMENTS

Judicial District/Geographical Area 22, expiring on 6/28/23; Director, Legal Counsel, Deborah Del Prete Sullivan, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, expiring on 6/28/23; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Jennifer Baldwin, Geographical Area 10 (New London), expiring on 7/1/23; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Margaret Castinado, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), expiring on 7/1/23; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Christine A. Janis, Geographical Area 7 (Meriden), expiring on 7/1/23; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Angela Morizio, Middletown Judicial District/Geographical Area 9, expiring on 7/1/23; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Mark Rademacher, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Waterbury, expiring on 7/1/23; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Robyn Smith, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), expiring on 7/1/23; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Mark Welsh, Geographical Area 1 (Stamford), expiring on 7/1/23; Public Defender, Kevin C. Barrs, New London Judicial District, expiring on 7/3/23; Senior Assistant Public Defender, John Cizik, Jr., Waterbury Judicial District, expiring on 7/3/23; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Ronald E. Soberaj, Middletown Judicial District/Geographical Area 9, expiring on 7/3/23; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Bevin Salmon, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), expiring on 7/11/23; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Jeffrey LaPierre, New Haven Judicial District, expiring on 8/15/23; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Elisa Villa, Parole Revocation Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Waterbury, expiring on 9/11/23; Assistant Public Defender, Charles E. Green, Jr., Waterbury Judicial District, expiring on 9/14/23; Assistant Public Defender, Jassette Henry, Geographical Area 15 (New Britain), expiring on 9/14/23; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, David Warner, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), expiring on 9/14/23; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Lisa R. Stevens, Geographical Area 1 (Stamford), expiring on 9/25/23;

Senior Assistant Public Defender, James M. Lamontagne, Danbury Judicial District/Geographical Area 3, expiring on 9/26/23; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Mary Elizabeth Ahern, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), expiring on 9/30/23; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Howard A. Ehring, Geographical Area 1 (Stamford), expiring on 9/30/23; Public Defender, George Flores, Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11, expiring on 9/30/23; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Mary Haselkamp, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), expiring on 9/30/23; Public Defender, Michael J. Isko, New Britain Judicial District/Geographical Area 15, expiring on 9/30/23; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Judith F. Machuga, Geographical Area 4 (Waterbury), expiring on 9/30/23; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Thomas J. Paoletta, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), expiring on 9/30/23; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Matthew J. Ramia, Geographical Area 4 (Waterbury), expiring on 9/30/23; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Shawn Tiernan, Geographical Area 10 (New London), expiring on 9/30/23; and Senior Assistant Public Defender, Michael S. Wagner, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), expiring on 9/30/23.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the list of permanent statuses.

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 Part-Time Public Defender Secretary I, Rebekah Perez, Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11, 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

PERMANENT STATUS

unanimously to grant permanent status to Part-Time Public Defender Secretary 1, Irene Tucker, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Waterbury, upon the successful completion of her probationary period.

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 Part-Time Public Defender Secretary 1, Brittany Soler, Hartford Community Court, 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 Investigator I, Eva Whelan, Waterford Juvenile Matters, 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 Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Alexandra Georgieva, Geographical Area 18 (Torrington), 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 Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Dean Velodota, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), 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

PERMANENT STATUS

unanimously to grant permanent status to Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Samuel Greenberg, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), upon the successful completion of his probationary period.

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 Payroll Officer, Michele Paquette, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, upon the successful completion of her probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

The Chief Public Defender discussed the outside employment requests from its Division's employees and recommended that they be approved.

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, David Bothwell, Geographical Area 20 (Norwalk).

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE  
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Public Defender, TaShun Bowden-Lewis, Waterbury Judicial District.

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EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

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APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE  
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Assistant Public Defender, Dawn M. Bradanini, Geographical Area 10 (New London).

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.

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 Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Cynthia J. Clancy, New Britain Juvenile Matters and Rockville Juvenile Matters.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE  
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Assistant Director, Delinquency Defense, 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 Deputy Chief Public Defender, John R. Day, 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, Katharine Goodbody, Connecticut Innocence Project/Post Conviction Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE  
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Social Worker III, Bryan Habif, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford).

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EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

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

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EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Public Defender Secretary II, Tina M. Palardy, Geographical Area 13 (Enfield).

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EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

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

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE  
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST



The Chief Public Defender discussed the closure of the Bristol GA 17 courthouse.

The Chief Public Defender further discussed the creation of the new Parole Revocation Unit located in Waterbury and the expectation of that office to begin handling cases by October 1, 2019.

CREATION OF  
PAROLE REVOCATION UNIT

The Chief Public Defender further discussed the compensation increases as approved by Governor Lamont.

The Commission was advised that a hiring plan was being drafted and would be on the agenda for October's meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the following Authorizations to Incur Expenses: 91901, 91902 and 91903.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the following Authorizations to Incur Expenses: 91904 and 91905.

TABLING OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to deny without prejudice the following Authorization to Incur Expenses: 91906.

DENIAL OF EXPENSES

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Day  
Deputy Chief Public Defender