

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
JULY 13, 2021

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:33 p.m. via Zoom.

Members Present

Aimee Golbert, LCSW, **Acting Chair**
G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq.
Honorable William R. Dyson
Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza
Honorable Hillary B. Strackbein

Others Present

Christine Perra Rapillo, Chief Public Defender
John R. Day, Deputy Chief Public Defender
Diane M. Fitzpatrick, Director of Human Resources
James M. Lamontagne, Public Defender
Danbury Judicial District/Geographical Area 3

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2021 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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 1-200(6)(A) and Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 5:11 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Matthew L. Brovender to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Danbury Judicial District/Geographical Area 3.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
MATTHEW L. BROVENDER

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Christopher Gonsalves to the position of Investigator II, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven).

APPOINTMENT OF
CHRISTOPHER GONSALVES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to appoint Eva Whelan to the position of Investigator I, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven).

APPOINTMENT OF
EVA WHELAN

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the use of work time by Senior Assistant Public Defender, Margaret Castinado, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), for service to the Connecticut Bar Association as follows:

APPROVAL OF USAGE OF
WORK TIME BY ATTY.
MARGARET CASTINADO FOR
SERVICE TO CONNECTICUT
BAR ASSOCIATION

- Up to four (4) hours per week while serving as Vice President and President-Elect of the Connecticut Bar Association (Bar Years 2021/22 and 2022/23).
- Up to eight (8) hours per week while serving as President of the Connecticut Bar Association (Bar Year 2023/24).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Social Worker I, LaQueshia Clemons, Middletown Judicial District/Geographical Area 9.

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, Hartford.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the following Authorizations to Incur Expenses: 7-2021-04 and 7-2021-05.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the following Authorizations to Incur Expenses: 7-2021-01, 7-2021-02 and 7-2021-03. Honorable Hillary B. Strackbein abstained from the vote.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

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 Systems Specialist, Russell Davis, Office of Chief Public Defender, 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 unanimously to reappoint the following attorneys to a new four-year term: Assistant Public Defender, Maureen Murphy, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), expiring on 7/11/2025; Assistant Public Defender, Emily Wagner, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, expiring on 7/11/2025; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Cynthia Barlow, Tolland Judicial District/Geographical Area 19, expiring on 7/15/2025 and Supervisory Assistant Public

ATTORNEY
REAPPOINTMENTS

Defender, D. Keith Foren, Waterford/Willimantic Juvenile Matters,
expiring on 7/31/2025.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the Division's staffing
and budget.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED
unanimously to cancel August's Commission meeting.

CANCELLATION OF AUGUST
COMMISSION MEETING

There being no further business to come before the
Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Day
Deputy Chief Public Defender