

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
MAY 4, 2021

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:31 p.m. via Zoom.

Members Present

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

Others Present

Christine Perra Rapillo, Chief Public Defender
John R. Day, Deputy Chief Public Defender
Diane M. Fitzpatrick, Director of Human Resources
Benjamin Aponte, Assistant Public Defender
Geographical Area 1 (Stamford)
Kenneth Bunker, Senior Assistant Public Defender
Milford Judicial District/Geographical Area 22
Christopher D. Eddy, Senior Assistant Public Defender
Geographical Area 15 (New Britain)
George Flores, Public Defender
Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11
Michael J. Isko, Public Defender
New Britain Judicial District/Geographical Area 15

John T. Walkley, Public Defender
Danbury Judicial District/Geographical Area 3

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2021 meeting. Honorable William R. Dyson abstained from the vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:34 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 6:23 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Pamela Nagy to the position of Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Waterbury.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
PAMELA NAGY

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney John T. Walkley to the position of Public Defender, Milford Judicial District/Geographical Area 22.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
JOHN T. WALKLEY

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

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
COREY R. BERRY

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to appoint Attorney Albert J. Koziatek to the position of Deputy

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
ALBERT J. KOZIATEK

Assistant Public Defender, New Britain Judicial District/Geographical Area 15. Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale abstained from the vote.

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

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
MARY JESSICA SIMON

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

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
JUSTIN T. SMITH

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

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
ALEXANDER GLOMB

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the following Authorization to Incur Expenses: 5-2021-01.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the following Authorization to Incur Expenses: 5-2021-02.

TABLING 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 Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Caroline Gallucci, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), 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 reappoint the following attorneys to a new four-year term: Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Matthew Divito, New Britain Judicial District/Geographical Area 15, expiring on 5/2/2025; and Assistant Public Defender, Amelia Ruggeri, Geographical Area 1 (Stamford), expiring on 5/13/2025.

ATTORNEY
REAPPOINTMENTS

The Chief Public Defender discussed the Division's staffing.

The Chief Public Defender further discussed the Division's FY 2022 Budget.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the hiring of six attorneys and one Public Defender Clerk; locations to be determined.

APPROVAL OF HIRING

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Day
Deputy Chief Public Defender