

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
JULY 12, 2022

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:40 p.m. via Zoom.

Members Present

Attorney Allison M. Near, **Chair**

Honorable Laura F. Baldini

G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq.

Honorable William R. Dyson (*Conference Call*)

Aimee Golbert, LCSW

Honorable Kevin S. Russo

Others Present

TaShun Bowden-Lewis, Chief Public Defender

John R. Day, Deputy Chief Public Defender

Susan Hamilton, Director of Delinquency Defense and Child Protection

Claud Chong, Senior Assistant Public Defender

Hartford Judicial District

Rashad K. Glass, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender
Geographical Area 4 (Waterbury)

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2022 meeting. Honorable Laura F. Baldini abstained from the vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to go into Executive Session at 4:41 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 6:18 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to approve the following Authorizations to Incur Expenses: 7-2022-01; 7-2022-02 and 7-2022-03.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to appoint Attorney Rashad K. Glass to the position of Public Defender, Waterbury Judicial District.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
RASHAD K. GLASS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to appoint Attorney Trudy Condio to the position of Assistant Public Defender, Hartford Juvenile Matters.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
TRUDY CONDIO

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to appoint Attorney Hope Estrella to the position of Provisional Deputy Assistant Public Defender (3L), Geographical Area 4 (Waterbury).

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
HOPE ESTRELLA

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to ratify the appointment of Denise Brunskill to the position of Social Worker I, Geographical Area 13 (Enfield).

RATIFICATION OF
DENISE BRUNSKILL

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to ratify the appointment of Kenyatta M. Smith to the position of Public Defender Secretary II, Stamford Judicial District.

RATIFICATION OF
KENYATTA M. SMITH

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to ratify the appointment of Yomayra Rivera to the position of Public Defender Secretary I, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport).

RATIFICATION OF
YOMAYRA RIVERA

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to reappoint the following attorney to a new four-year term: Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Chester Fernandez, Training Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, expiring on 7/20/2026.

ATTORNEY
REAPPOINTMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to grant permanent status to Paralegal II, Carol Gonzalez, Psychiatric Defense Unit, Connecticut Valley Hospital, Middletown, 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 by majority of the Commission to grant permanent status to Investigator I, Danielle Recchia, Waterford/Willimantic 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 by majority of the Commission to grant permanent status to Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Matthew Brovender, Danbury Judicial District/Geographical Area 3, 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 by majority of the Commission to grant permanent status to Assistant Public Defender, Jennifer Smith, 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, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to approve the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, Erica A. Barber, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Waterbury.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to approve the outside employment requests of Assistant Public Defender, Cynthia Barlow, Tolland Judicial District/Geographical Area 19.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to approve the outside employment request of Director of Complex Litigation, Joseph E. Lopez, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to approve the outside employment

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request of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Marissa Wheeler, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to table the outside employment request of Defending Community Fellow, Ryan Hunlock, Geographical Area 20 (Norwalk).

TABLING OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Day
Deputy Chief Public Defender