

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
MAY 24, 2022**

The special meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 5:09 p.m. at the Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, Connecticut.

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 Ramona Mercado-Espinoza

Honorable Kevin S. Russo

Others Present

Diane M. Fitzpatrick, Director of Human Resources

TaShun Bowden-Lewis, Public Defender

Waterbury Judicial District

Susan I. Hamilton, Director of Delinquency Defense and Child Protection, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford

Damian T. Tucker, Public Defender

Hartford Judicial District

David C. Warner, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender
Geographical Area 14 (Hartford)

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to go into Executive Session at 5:12 p.m.

The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 9:15 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to appoint Attorney TaShun Bowden-Lewis to the position of Chief Public Defender.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Fitzpatrick
Director of Human Resources