

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 1, 2022

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:35 p.m. via Zoom.

Members Present

Attorney Allison M. Near, **Chair**
Honorable Laura F. Baldini
G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq.
Honorable William R. Dyson
Aimee Golbert, LCSW, BCD
Honorable Kevin S. Russo

Others Present

TaShun Bowden-Lewis, Chief Public Defender
John R. Day, Deputy Chief Public Defender
Erin M. Ryan, Director of Human Resources
Claud Chong, Senior Assistant Public Defender
Hartford Judicial District
Charles E. Green, Jr., Senior Assistant Public Defender
Waterbury Judicial District
Michael J. Richards, Senior Assistant Public Defender
Geographical Area 4 (Waterbury)
Tanisha Williams, Assistant Public Defender
Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport)

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission 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 7:39 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to approve the following Authorizations to Incur Expenses: 11-2022-01; 11-2022-02; 11-2022-03; 11-2022-06; 11-2022-07; 11-2022-08; 11-2022-09; and 11-2022-10. Honorable Kevin S. Russo recused himself in Authorizations 11-2022-01 and 11-2022-02.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to table the following Authorizations to Incur Expenses: 11-2022-04; and 11-2022-05.

TABLING OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to appoint Attorney Michael J. Richards to the position of Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 4 (Waterbury).

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
MICHAEL J. RICHARDS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to appoint Attorney Christopher W. Iverson to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 7 (Meriden).

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
CHRISTOPHER W. IVERSON

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to appoint Attorney Uriel J. Lloyd to the

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
URIEL J. LLOYD

position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, New Britain Judicial District/Geographical Area 15.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to table the position of Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 5 (Derby).

TABLING OF POSITION

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 attorneys to a new four-year term: Senior Assistant Public Defender, Matthew Davis, Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11, expiring on 11/02/2026; Assistant Public Defender, Cristina Angelone, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), expiring on 11/05/2026; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Robin Meyer, Geographical Area 21 (Norwich), expiring on 11/13/2026; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Milton Walsh, Geographical Area 12 (Manchester), expiring on 11/16/2026; Assistant Public Defender, Freesia Waldron, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), expiring on 11/16/2026; Public Defender, Bradford Buchta, Tolland Judicial District/Geographical Area 19, expiring on 11/24/2026; and Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, John DelBarba, Geographical Area 7 (Meriden), expiring on 11/26/2026.

ATTORNEY
REAPPOINTMENTS

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 Public Defender Secretary I, Stephanie Salas, Parole Revocation Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Waterbury, 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, Laura Hamilton, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), 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, Laura Hawk-Allen, Geographical Area 15 (New Britain), 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, Christopher Huben, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), 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 Social Worker II, KerryAnn Isaacs, New Haven Juvenile Matters, upon the successful completion of her probationary period.

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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, Michael Whiteley, Danbury Judicial

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District/Geographical Area 3, upon the successful completion of his probationary period.

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

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to approve the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, Keith Zackowitz, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven).

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There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Day
Deputy Chief Public Defender