

**Public Defender Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2023**

Convened via Zoom at 4:34pm

Member in Attendance

1. Atty. Allison Near, Chair
2. Honorable Laura Baldini
3. Atty. G. Kenneth Bernhard
4. Honorable William Dyson
5. Aimee Golbert, LCSW
6. Honorable Kevin Russo

Others in Attendance

1. TaShun Bowden-Lewis, Chief Public Defender
2. Erin Ryan, Director of Human Resources

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion made and seconded. Voted by the majority of the Commission to approve minutes of the December 6, 2022, meeting.

**Executive Session**

Motion made and seconded. Voted by the majority of the Commission to go into Executive Session at 4:35pm in accordance with §1-200(6)(A) and §1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Executive session concluded at 5:32pm.

**Approval of Expenses**

None

**Ratification of Tracey-Ann Gordon**

Motion made and seconded. Voted by the majority of the Commission to ratify the appointment of Tracey-Ann Gordon as Financial Assistant II, Office of Chief Public Defender.

**Ratification of Mikala Guyton**

Motion made and seconded. Voted by the majority of the Commission to ratify the appointment of Mikala Guyton as Administrative Services Assistant, Office of Chief Public Defender.

**Ratification of Karla White**

Motion made and seconded. Voted by the majority of the Commission to ratify the appointment of Karla White as Investigator I, Ansonia-Milford G.A.

### **Attorney Reappointments**

Motion made and seconded. In accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Public Defender, the majority of the Commission voted to reappoint the following attorneys to a new four-year term:

Atty. Catherine Brennan, New Haven Judicial District – expiring on 1/19/2023  
Atty. Rashad Glass, Waterbury Judicial District – expiring on 1/19/2023  
Atty. Donald Meehan, Waterbury Judicial District – expiring on 1/4/2023  
Atty. Erica Wardle, Waterbury Juvenile – expiring on 1/19/2023

### **Permanent Status**

Motion made and seconded. In accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Public Defender, the majority of the Commission voted to grant permanent status, after completion of a probationary period, to the following:

#### One-Year

Atty. Nancy Boone, Hartford GA #14, effective 1/14/2023  
Pia Casavino, Administrative Assistant, OCPD Training, effective 1/14/2023  
Atty. Emily Claffey, Waterbury GA #4, effective 1/14/2023  
Atty. Alyssa Hague, New Haven GA #23, effective 1/28/2023  
Kayla Handberry, Social Worker I, Torrington JD/GA #18, effective 1/14/2023  
Kate Kowalyszyn, Systems Specialist, OCPD IT, effective 1/14/2023  
Eugene Krayzman, Systems Specialist, OCPD IT, effective 1/14/2023  
Atty. Evan Marlow, New London GA #10, effective 1/14/2023  
Daryl McGraw, Director of DEI, OCPD, effective 1/14/2023  
Atty. Gabriella Minicucci, Derby GA #5, effective 1/14/2023  
Andrew O'Shea, Dir. of Training, OCPD, effective 1/14/2023  
Atty. Carl Riccio, Bridgeport GA #2, effective 1/14/2023  
Atty. Erica Scherzer, Norwich GA #21, effective 1/14/2023

#### Nine months

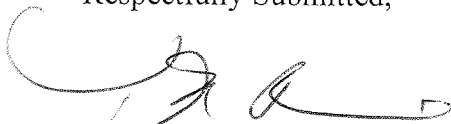
Atty. Molly Arabolos, New Haven JD, effective 1/8/2023

#### Three months

Roland Drayton, LSU Waterbury, effective 1/21/2023

No further business for the Commission. Meeting adjourned at 5:34pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



TaShun Bowden-Lewis  
Chief Public Defender