

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
APRIL 25, 2024**

The special meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:45 p.m. at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1D, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present

Honorable Richard N. Palmer, **Chair**
Michael Jefferson, Esq.
Honorable Russell Morin
Honorable Sheila M. Prats (via Zoom)
Honorable Elliot N. Solomon (via Zoom)
Herman Woodard, Jr., Esq.

Others Present

Deborah Del Prete Sullivan, Legal Counsel, Director
Colleen Valentine, Assistant Attorney General
Arnold Amore, Assistant Public Defender
 CT Innocence Project/Post Conviction Unit
Leslie O'Brien, Executive Assistant
Thomas W. Bucci, Esq.
TaShun Bowden-Lewis, Chief Public Defender

The Commission continued the Public Hearing from April 16, 2024 pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 51-290 (d). Please see the link below for a transcript of the hearing.

[Hearing Transcript](#)

CONTINUATION OF
PUBLIC HEARING

Thomas W. Bucci, Esq. indicated that he was not presenting any witnesses but will be commenting on the hearing.

At 5:10 p.m., Attorney TaShun Bowden-Lewis commented on the Public Hearing.

At 5:17 p.m., 19 Commission exhibits were entered into the record.

At 5:18 p.m., Commission chair, Honorable Richard N. Palmer, indicated that the Commission was not deciding on the matter today.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 5:19 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes to discuss a personnel matter regarding the Chief Public Defender.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 6:08 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Del Prete Sullivan
Legal Counsel, Director