

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
APRIL 24, 2026**

The special meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 10:19 a.m., at the Office of Chief Public Defender, Room 1006, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present

Honorable Richard N. Palmer, **Chair**

Honorable Jane K. Grossman

Michael Jefferson, Esq.

Honorable Elliot N. Solomon

Herman Woodard, Jr., Esq.

Others Present

John R. Day, Chief Public Defender

Erin M. Ryan, Director of Human Resources

John R. DelBarba, Assistant Legal Counsel

Legal and Legislative Affairs Unit

Angela C. Anastasi, Public Defender

Middletown Judicial District/Geographical Area 9

Jared Millbrandt, Public Defender

Stamford-Norwalk Judicial District/Geographical Area 1

Bevin Salmon, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender

Geographical Area 23 (New Haven)

Damian Tucker, Public Defender

Hartford Judicial District

Alix C. Walmsley, Director of Assigned Counsel

Assigned Counsel Unit

Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford

David Warner, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender
Geographical Area 14 (Hartford)
Colleen Valentine, Assistant Attorney General
Office of Attorney General
Leonie Campbell, Executive Assistant to the Commission

Chairman of the Commission, Honorable Richard N. Palmer, welcomed the new Commission member, Honorable Jane K. Grossman to the Public Defender Services Commission.

WELCOME TO NEW
COMMISSION MEMBER,
HON. JANE K. GROSSMAN

Chief Public Defender, John R. Day discussed the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, New Haven Judicial District, in the absence of Public Defender, Molly Arabolos, New Haven Judicial District.

DISCUSSION OF DAPD,
NEW HAVEN JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney William V. Deegan to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, New Haven Judicial District.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
WILLIAM V. DEEGAN

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 10:23 a.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes to discuss the following: Discussion of Personnel Matters and Litigation Involving the Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Other attendees included the Chief Public Defender, John R. Day; Public Defender, Angela C. Anastasi, Middletown Judicial District/Geographical Area 9; Public Defender, Jared Millbrandt, Stamford-Norwalk Judicial District/Geographical Area 1; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Bevin Salmon, Geographical Area 23

(New Haven); Public Defender, Damian Tucker, Hartford Judicial District; Director of Assigned Counsel, Alix C. Walmsley, Assigned Counsel Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, David Warner, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford); and Assistant Attorney General, Colleen Valentine, Office of Attorney General.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 5:21 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Bevin Salmon to the position of Deputy Chief Public Defender, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

APPOINTMENT OF
DEPUTY CHIEF PUBLIC
DEFENDER,
BEVIN SALMON

A discussion took place regarding the status of the Division.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin M. Ryan
Director of Human Resources