

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**APRIL 2, 2013**

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The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:30 p.m., in the conference room, at the Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, Connecticut.

**Members Present**

Thomas J. Rechen, Esq., **Chair**  
Monsignor William A. Genuario  
Aimee Golbert, LCSW  
Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza

**Others Present**

Susan O. Storey, Chief Public Defender  
Brian S. Carlow, Deputy Chief Public Defender  
Nancy M. Roberts, Director of Human Resources  
Mary Haselkamp, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender  
Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport)

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2013 meeting. Commission member, Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza abstained from the vote.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:31 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 4:45 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Joanna Carloni to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport). The effective date of the appointment is April 19, 2013.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Juliana Romano to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport). The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 4:48 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 5:50 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Darcy McGraw to the position of Director, Connecticut Innocence Project. The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:52 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 6:44 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Michael Courtney to the position of Public Defender, Danbury Judicial District/Geographical Area 3. The effective date of the appointment is May 1, 2013.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 6:45 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.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:17 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the schedule of invoices as submitted to the Commission. Commission member, Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza abstained from the vote in the matter of James Mitchell vs. Warden.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the

matter of State vs. Eduardo Santiago, pending further verification from the Chief Public Defender that the expenses are necessary and appropriate at this time.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to reclassify Attorney James Connolly to the position of Director of Juvenile Post-Conviction. The effective date of the reclassification is April 5, 2013.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to reclassify Attorney Deborah Del Prete Sullivan to the position of Legal Counsel, Director. The effective date of the reclassification is April 5, 2013.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to reappoint the following attorney to a new four-year term: Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, M. Elizabeth Reid, Geographical Area 20 (Norwalk), expiring on 4/1/17.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Dana H. Sanetti, Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11, upon the successful completion of her probationary period.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Public Defender Secretary, Audrey Gilzene, Tolland Judicial District/Geographical Area 19, upon the successful completion of her promotional probationary period.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow  
Deputy Chief Public Defender