

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**APRIL 7, 2015**

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The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:31 p.m., in the conference room, at the Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, Connecticut.

**Members Present**

Thomas J. Rechen, Esq., **Chair**

G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq. (***Via Conference Call***)

Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey

Aimee Golbert, LCSW

Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale

**Others Present**

Brian S. Carlow, Deputy Chief Public Defender

Turkessa E. Antrum, Director of Human Resources

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2015 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A discussion took place regarding the list of attorney reappointments.

A further discussion took place regarding the list of permanent statuses.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to reappoint the following attorney to a new four-year

ATTORNEY  
REAPPOINTMENT

term: Director, Connecticut Innocence Project/Post Conviction Unit, Darcy McGraw, Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill, expiring on 3/25/19.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Public Defender Clerk, Sherilyn Hawthorne, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), upon the successful completion of her probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Social Worker II, E. Michael Keeney, Geographical Area 4 (Waterbury); and Social Worker I, Kishauna Lightfoot, Geographical Area 15 (New Britain), upon the successful completion of their probationary periods.

PERMANENT STATUS

A discussion took place regarding the outside employment request of Director of Juvenile Post Conviction, James Connolly, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Director of Juvenile Post Conviction, James Connolly, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE  
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:40 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 5:45 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the schedule of invoices as submitted to the Commission.

APPROVAL OF INVOICE

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to ratify the Authorizations to Incur Expenses in the matters of State vs. Lorenzo Hernandez and J'Veil Outing vs. Warden. Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey abstained from the vote in the matter of State vs. Lorenzo Hernandez.

RATIFICATION OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Authorizations to Incur Expenses, at a reduced amount, in the matter of State vs. Todd Rizzo.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve all other Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission. Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey abstained from the vote in the matters of State vs. Ismael Gomez, State vs. Ronnie Hinton, and State vs. Denzil Nurse. Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale abstained from the vote in the matter of Reynaldo Arroyo vs. Warden.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Director of Human Resources, Turkessa E. Antrum, updated the Commission on the relocation of the Legal Services Office to Waterbury.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow  
Deputy Chief Public Defender