

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**APRIL 5, 2016**

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The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:32 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 (***Via Conference Call***)

Honorable William R. Dyson

Aimee Golbert, LCSW

Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza

Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale

**Others Present**

Susan O. Storey, Chief Public Defender

Brian S. Carlow, Deputy Chief Public Defender

Diane M. Fitzpatrick, Director of Human Resources

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2016 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:35 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney John T. Walkley to the position of Public Defender, Danbury Judicial District/Geographical Area 3. The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.  
JOHN T. WALKLEY

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 7:11 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:24 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of Roger Ruffin vs. Warden pending the receipt of additional information.

TABLING OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of Mark Henderson vs. Warden. There was a vote of 5 yes, 1 no. The motion passes.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

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

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Investigator III, Paul Farley, New Britain Judicial District/Geographical Area 15, upon the successful completion of his promotional probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Public Defender Clerk, Danielle Johnson, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, upon the successful completion of her probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED unanimously to reappoint the following attorney to a new four-year term: Assistant Public Defender, Dana Sanetti, Geographical Area 15 (New Britain), expiring on 4/20/20.

ATTORNEY  
REAPPOINTMENT

The Chief Public Defender updated the Commission on the ongoing budget process.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow  
Deputy Chief Public Defender