

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
AUGUST 4, 2015

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**

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

Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey

Aimee Golbert, LCSW

Others Present

Susan O. Storey, Chief Public Defender

Brian S. Carlow, Deputy Chief Public Defender

The Commission Chairman recognized the passing of Commission member, Monsignor William A. Genuario. The Commission expressed their deepest sympathy, sorrow and a sense of loss for the Monsignor who served on the Commission with distinction from shortly after the Division of Public Defender Services was formed. He will be greatly missed!

RECOGNITION OF
COMMISSION MEMBER,
MONSIGNOR WILLIAM A.
GENUARIO

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:37 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 5:10 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Senior Assistant Public Defender, Claudia D. Jones, Hartford Judicial District.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the educational leave request of Human Resources Assistant, Elizabeth M. Weiss, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford. No action was taken on the tuition reimbursement request.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATIONAL LEAVE REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of State vs. Raashon Jackson.

RATIFICATION OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of Norman Haughey vs. Warden.

TABLING OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve all other Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission. The Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey abstained from the vote in the matters of State vs. David Brown-Barrett, State vs. Jayson Mota-Royaceli, State vs. Denzil Nurse and Floyd Simms vs. Warden.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

The Chief Public Defender discussed the list of attorney reappointments.

The Chief Public Defender further discussed the list of permanent statuses.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to reappoint the following attorneys to a new four-year term: Senior Assistant Public Defender, Margaret I. Castinado, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), expiring on 7/1/19; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Christine A. Janis, Geographical Area 7 (Meriden), expiring on 7/1/19; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Angela C. Morizio, Middletown Judicial District/Geographical Area 9, expiring on 7/1/19; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Jennifer Nowak-Baldwin, Geographical Area 10 (New London), expiring on 7/1/19; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Mark S. Rademacher, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Waterbury, expiring on 7/1/19; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Robyn R. Smith, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), expiring on 7/1/19; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Mark Welsh, Geographical Area 1 (Stamford), expiring on 7/1/19; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Kevin C. Barrs, New London Judicial District, expiring on 7/3/19; Senior Assistant Public Defender, John Cizik, Jr., Litchfield Judicial District, expiring on 7/3/19; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Dennis P. Harrigan, Fairfield Judicial District, expiring on 7/3/19; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Ronald E. Sobieraj, Middletown Judicial District/Geographical Area 9, expiring on 7/3/19; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Bevin O. Salmon, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), expiring on 7/11/15; and Senior Assistant Public Defender, Jeffrey G. LaPierre, New Haven Judicial District, expiring on 8/15/19.

ATTORNEY REAPPOINTMENTS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Public Defender

PERMANENT STATUS

Secretary, Virginia Knudsen, Geographical Area 21 (Norwich); Investigator I, Cristina Urgan, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport); Investigator I, Jose Serrano, Geographical 2 (Bridgeport); Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Tracy Jo Mathis, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport); and Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Paul Scafariello, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), upon the successful completion of their probationary periods.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED APPROVAL OF MINUTES
unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2015 meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow
Deputy Chief Public Defender