

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
DECEMBER 6, 2011

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:33 p.m., in the conference room, at the Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present

Thomas J. Rechen, Esq., **Chair**
Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey
Carl Eisenmann, Esq.
Monsignor William A. Genuario
Aimee Golbert, LCSW
Atty. Ramona Mercado-Espinoza
Honorable John W. Pickard

Others Present

Susan O. Storey, Chief Public Defender
Brian S. Carlow, Deputy Chief Public Defender
Nancy M. Roberts, Director of Human Resources

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2011 meeting.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the Proposed Adjustments to the Current Assigned Counsel List.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Proposed Adjustments to the Current Assigned Counsel List.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the attorney reappointments.

The Chief Public Defender further discussed the permanent statuses.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to reappoint the following attorneys to a new four-year term: Assistant Public Defender, Laila M. Haswell, Geographical Area 12 (Manchester), expiring on 12/1/15; Assistant Public Defender, Alfonzo Sirica, Geographical Area 17 (Bristol), expiring on 12/12/15; Assistant Public Defender, Michael J. Lefebvre, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), expiring on 12/21/15; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Joseph E. Lopez, New Haven Judicial District, expiring on 12/27/15; and Assistant Public Defender, Omar A. Williams, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), expiring on 11/28/15.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Financial Assistant, Steven Kokinis, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford; Assistant Public Defender, Heather M. Wood, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden; and Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Keith Zackowitz, Geographical Area 11 (Danielson), upon the successful completion of their probationary periods.

A discussion took place regarding the 2012 Commission Dates meeting schedule.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the 2012 Commission Dates meeting schedule as revised by the Commission.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, Dawn M. Bradanini, Geographical Area 10 (New London).

The Chief Public Defender further discussed the educational leave request of Manager of Information Services, Jennie J. Albert, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, Dawn M. Bradanini, Geographical Area 10 (New London).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the revised educational leave request of Manager of Information Services, Jennie J. Albert, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

The Chief Public Defender discussed with the Commission the positions of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), and Geographical Area 23 (New Haven).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Jared J. Millbrandt 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 appoint Attorney Shalu Rajan 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 appoint Attorney Russell M. Williams 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 appoint Attorney Sara Swallen to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford). 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 appoint Attorney Margaret Castinado to the position of Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven). 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 into Executive Session at 5:04 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 5:19 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table an Authorization to Incur Expenses and an invoice in the matter of State vs. Joshua Komisarjevsky to obtain additional information. Commission Member, Carl Eisenmann, abstained from the vote.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve all other invoices in the matter of State vs. Joshua Komisarjevsky. Commission Member, Carl Eisenmann, abstained from the vote.

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

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

The Chief Public Defender discussed the employee status of the Division.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow
Deputy Chief Public Defender