

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
DECEMBER 2, 2014

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.
Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey
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
Turkessa E. Antrum, Director of Human Resources
Joseph G. Bruckmann, Public Defender
Fairfield Judicial District
Leslie K. Cavanagh, Public Defender
Waterbury Judicial District
George D. Flores, Public Defender
Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11
Bevin O. Salmon, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender
Geographical Area 23 (New Haven)

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2014 special meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:32 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 4:36 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint William Birney to the position of Investigator II, Fairfield Judicial District.

APPOINTMENT OF
WILLIAM BIRNEY

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Tiffany Teixeira to the position of Investigator II, Fairfield Judicial District.

APPOINTMENT OF
TIFFANY TEIXEIRA

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 4:38 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 5:16 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to appoint Attorney Tyler Edwards to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
TYLER EDWARDS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Angel D. Acevedo to the position of Public Defender Administrative Assistant, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

APPOINTMENT OF
ANGEL D. ACEVEDO

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:19 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 5:35 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney David C. Warner to the position of Assistant Public Defender, Waterbury Judicial District.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
DAVID C. WARNER

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:37 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 5:41 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Jessica Luu-Missios to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven).

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
JESSICA LUU-MISSIOS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the proposed 2015 Commission Dates for the Public Defender Services Commission.

APPROVAL OF
2015 COMMISSION DATES

The Chief Public Defender discussed the outside employment request of Senior Assistant Public Defender, John Cizik, Litchfield Judicial District.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Senior Assistant Public Defender, John Cizik, Litchfield Judicial District.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

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, Matthew S. Davis, Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11, expiring on 11/2/18; Assistant Public Defender, Cristina Angelone, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), expiring on 11/5/18; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, James W. Auwood, Waterford Juvenile Matters, expiring on 11/9/18; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Robin M. Meyer, Geographical Area 21 (Norwich), expiring on 11/13/18; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Milton I. Walsh, Geographical Area 12 (Manchester), expiring on 11/16/18; Assistant Public Defender, Bradford Buchta, Fairfield Judicial District; expiring on 11/24/18; Public Defender, James S. McKay,

ATTORNEY
REAPPOINTMENTS

Middletown Judicial District/Geographical Area 9, expiring on 11/24/18; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Kenneth R. Bunker, Milford Judicial District/Geographical Area 22, expiring on 12/11/18; Public Defender, Leslie K. Cavanagh, Waterbury Judicial District, expiring on 12/11/18; Director of Juvenile Post-Conviction & Re-Entry Unit, James J. Connolly, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, expiring on 12/13/18; Assistant Public Defender, Keith Zackowitz, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), expiring on 12/17/18; and Senior Assistant Public Defender, Christopher D. Eddy, Geographical Area 15 (New Britain), expiring on 12/24/18.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Investigator I, Monique Cain, Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11, 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 Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Laura E. Bryll, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), and Assistant Public Defender, Natalie Olmstead, Connecticut Innocence Project/Post Conviction Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill, upon the successful completion of their probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 6:13 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to authorize the Chief Public Defender, on a case-by-case basis, to approve expenditures and payments submitted by pro se Habeas Corpus petitioners as long as they meet the requirements of the current expenditure process.

APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES IN PRO SE HABEAS MATTERS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 6:14 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 6:25 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the Authorizations to Incur Expenses in the matters of State vs. David Barnett Brown, State vs. Wilfredo Drago, State vs. Deranna Fletcher, State vs. Gail Litsky, and State vs. Denzil Nurse. The Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey abstained from the vote.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of State vs. Lishan Wang. The Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale abstained from the vote.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the Authorizations to Incur Expenses in the matters of State vs. Jan Gawlik and State vs. Thomas Perkins.

RATIFICATION 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

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow
Deputy Chief Public Defender