

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
DECEMBER 8, 2015**

The special 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**

G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq.

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

Turkessa E. Antrum, Director of Human Resources

Deborah Del Prete Sullivan, Legal Counsel, Director

Commission Chairman, Thomas J. Rechen, Esq., officially welcomed the new Commission member, Honorable William R. Dyson.

Commission Chairman, Thomas J. Rechen, Esq., further recognized the Chief Public Defender, Susan O. Storey and Legal Counsel, Director, Deborah Del Prete Sullivan for being honored as Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, Public Service

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LEGAL COUNSEL, DIRECTOR

Award recipients for their work towards the abolition of the death penalty. He further noted the thanks and appreciation from the Commission on that honor.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2015 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:39 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 7:25 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Susan A. Brown to the position of Public Defender, Milford Judicial District/Geographical Area 22. The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
SUSAN A. BROWN

The Chief Public Defender discussed the list of permanent statuses

The Chief Public Defender further discussed the list of attorney reappointments.

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 I, Julia

PERMANENT STATUS

Lagerholm, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford) and Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Tyler Edwards, Windham Judicial District/ Geographical Area 11, upon the successful completion of their probationary periods.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED unanimously to reappoint the following attorneys to a new four-year term: Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Johanna M. Canning, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), expiring on 11/14/19; Assistant Public Defender, Megan A. Hill, Geographical Area 12 (Manchester), expiring on 11/15/19; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Melanie Frank, Rockville Juvenile Matters, expiring on 11/19/19; Senior Assistant Public Defender, James F. Longwell, Geographical Area 18 (Bantam), expiring on 11/19/19; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Nicole M. Donzello, Waterbury Judicial District, expiring on 11/28/19; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Laila M. Haswell, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Waterbury, expiring on 12/1/19; Assistant Public Defender, Alfonzo Sirica, Geographical Area 17 (Bristol), expiring on 12/12/19; Assistant Public Defender, Jared J. Millbrandt, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), expiring on 12/16/19; Assistant Public Defender, Shalu Rajan, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), expiring on 12/16/19; Assistant Public Defender, Sara N. Swallen, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), expiring on 12/16/19; Assistant Public Defender, Russell M. Williams, Jr., Geographical Area 12 (Manchester), expiring on 12/16/19; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Joseph E. Lopez, New Haven Judicial District, expiring on 12/27/19; and Senior Assistant Public Defender, Elizabeth C. Gleason, Bridgeport Juvenile Matters, expiring on 12/30/19.

ATTORNEY
REAPPOINTMENTS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the proposed 2016 Commission Dates for the Public Defender Services Commission.

APPROVAL OF
2016 COMMISSION DATES

The Chief Public Defender discussed the outside employment request of Public Defender, Barry A. Butler, Stamford Judicial District and Geographical Area 1 (Stamford).

The Chief Public Defender further discussed the outside employment request of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Jenna M. Marshall, Geographical Area 20 (Norwalk).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Public Defender, Barry A. Butler, Stamford Judicial District and Geographical Area 1 (Stamford).

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Jenna M. Marshall, Geographical Area 20 (Norwalk).

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 7:40 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 7:45 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission. The Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey abstained from the vote in the matters of State vs. Lazale Ashby and State vs. Geralyz Sotomayer-Cruz.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to ratify the email-approved Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission. The Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey abstained from the vote in the matters of State vs. Lazale Ashby and State vs. Santos Rivera.

RATIFICATION OF EXPENSES

Commission Chairman, Thomas J. Rechen, Esq., thanked the Commission members for their dedicated service during the 2015 calendar year.

Commission member, G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq., thanked the Chairman for his leadership of the Commission during the 2015 calendar year.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow
Deputy Chief Public Defender