

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**FEBRUARY 2, 2016**

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The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:36 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  
Honorable William R. Dyson  
Aimee Golbert, LCSW  
Attorney Ramona Mercado Espinoza  
Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale (***Via Conference Call***)

**Others Present**

Susan O. Storey, Chief Public Defender  
Brian S. Carlow, Deputy Chief Public Defender  
Stephen A. Hunt, Financial Director  
Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford  
Michael J. Isko, Public Defender  
New Britain Judicial District/Geographical Area 15

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2016 meeting. Commission members, G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq. and Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza abstained from the vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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, 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, Mark E. Holmes, Geographical Area 12 (Manchester), expiring on 2/11/20.

ATTORNEY  
REAPPOINTMENT

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 Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Carla R. Micalizzi, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport); Assistant Public Defender, Pamela Nagy, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Waterbury; and Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Drummond Smith, Danbury Judicial District/Geographical Area 3, upon the successful completion of their probationary periods.

PERMANENT STATUS

The Chief Public Defender discussed the skill set that's envisioned for the position of Director of Human Resources, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:53 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 6:45 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Stephanie O'Neil to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, New Britain Judicial District. The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.  
STEPHANIE O'NEIL

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Robin Taylor to the position of Payroll Officer, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford. The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

APPOINTMENT OF  
ROBIN TAYLOR

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

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the email-approved Authorization to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission.

RATIFICATION OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 6:46 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 7:29 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the position of Director of Human Resources, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

TABLING OF POSITION

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow  
Deputy Chief Public Defender