

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
JULY 12, 2011

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:30 p.m., at the Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden, Connecticut.

Members Present

Thomas J. Rechen, Esq., **Chair**

Carl Eisenmann, Esq.

Monsignor William A. Genuario

Aimee Golbert, LCSW

Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza

Honorable John W. Pickard

Others Present

Brian S. Carlow, Deputy Chief Public Defender

Nancy M. Roberts, Director of Human Resources

Todd Bussert, Esq., Special Public Defender

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2011 meeting.

The Deputy Chief Public Defender discussed the Division's recent budget cuts.

The Deputy Chief Public Defender further discussed the potential need for the Chief Public Defender to appoint Assigned Counsel in between Commission meetings. The appointments would then be ratified at the next Commission meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to authorize the Chief Public Defender to appoint Assigned Counsel in between Commission meetings, subject to the ratification of the Commission.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to reappoint the following attorney to a new four-year term: Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Bevin O. Salmon, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), expiring on 7/11/15.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Social Worker II, Phetsamon Gosselin, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), upon the successful completion of her probationary period.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Frank DiMatteo, Manager of Legal Technology Training and Support, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, upon the successful completion of his promotional probationary period.

The Deputy Chief Public Defender discussed the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, Keith D. Foren, Waterford Juvenile Matters and Willimantic Juvenile Matters.

The Deputy Chief Public Defender further discussed the outside voluntary request of Senior Assistant Public Defender, Lisa R. Stevens, Geographical Area 1 (Stamford).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of

Assistant Public Defender, Keith D. Foren, Waterford Juvenile Matters and Willimantic Juvenile matters.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside voluntary request of Senior Assistant Public Defender, Lisa R. Stevens, Geographical Area 1 (Stamford).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:50 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.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 5:23 p.m.

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

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

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant a resolution to commend Attorney Patrick Culligan for his dedication and outstanding service to the Division of Public Defender Services and as the Chief of Capital Defense and Trial Services.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:25 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the position of Public Defender, Waterbury Judicial District.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to re-advertise the position of Public Defender, Waterbury Judicial District.

Attorney Karen Dambois, currently on contract with the Chief Child Protection Agency as a court liaison, was invited into the meeting to provide public comment and to express her interest in ensuring that the Chief Child Protection Agency continues to receive the focus and resources it had prior to being consolidated into the Division of Public Defender Services.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 7:26 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 8:20 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Authorizations to Incur Expenses in the matter of State vs. Joshua Komisarjevsky.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow
Deputy Chief Public Defender