

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
JUNE 7, 2011

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:37 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
Attorney 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
Paula Montonye, Special Public Defender

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2011 meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Proposed Adjustments to the Current Special Public Defender List.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:41 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 5:18 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 go back into Executive Session at 5:20 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 5:47 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the new Income Eligibility Guidelines for public defender and child protection clients, effective July 1, 2011.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to reclassify Attorney John Day as Director of

Assigned Counsel, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford. The effective date of the reclassification is July 1, 2011.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to reclassify Attorney Christine Rapillo to the position of Director of Juvenile Delinquency Defense and Child Protection Services, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford. The effective date of the reclassification is July 1, 2011.

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, Frank Halloran, Ansonia-Milford Judicial District/Geographical Area 22, expiring on 6/28/15; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Peter E. Scillieri, New London Judicial District, expiring on 6/28/15; Executive Assistant Public Defender and Legal Counsel, Deborah DelPrete Sullivan, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, expiring on 6/28/15; Assistant Public Defender, Margaret Castinado, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), expiring on 7/1/15; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Christine A. Janis, Geographical Area 7 (Meriden), expiring on 7/1/15; Assistant Public Defender, Angela C. Morizio, Hartford Judicial District, expiring on 7/1/15; Assistant Public Defender, Jennifer L. Nowak, Geographical Area 10 (New London), expiring on 7/1/15; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Mark Rademacher, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden, expiring on 7/1/15; Assistant Public Defender, Robyn R. Smith, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), expiring on 7/1/15; Assistant Public Defender, Mark Welsh, Geographical Area 1 (Stamford), expiring on 7/1/15; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Kevin C. Barrs, New London Judicial District, expiring on 7/3/15; Senior Assistant Public Defender and Assistant Director of Training, John Cizik, Jr., Office of Chief Public

Defender, Hartford, expiring on 7/3/15; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Dennis P. Harrigan, Waterbury Judicial District, expiring on 7/3/15 and Senior Assistant Public Defender, Ronald E. Sobieraj, Middletown Judicial District/Geographical Area 9, expiring on 7/3/15.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Julie M. Costello, Geographical Area 18 (Bantam) and Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Jennifer E. Walters, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), upon the successful completion of their probationary periods.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the vacancy of the position of Financial Director. It was decided by the Commission to re-advertise the position.

The Chief Public Defender further discussed a proposed annual minimum requirement of 8 hours of continuing legal education for the Division's attorneys.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve an annual minimum requirement of 8 hours of continuing legal education or training for the Division's attorneys. The training must be approved by the Office of Chief Public Defender.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the Division's budget.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow
Deputy Chief Public Defender