

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
JUNE 4, 2013

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:45 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
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
Ellen F. Knight, Chief Investigator
Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford
Leslie K. Cavanagh, Public Defender
Waterbury Judicial District
Mary Haselkamp, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender
Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport)
R. Bruce Lorenzen, Public Defender
Hartford Judicial District
Bevin O. Salmon, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender
Geographical Area 23 (New Haven)

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2013 meeting. Commission member, Honorable John W. Pickard abstained from the vote.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:46 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 4:54 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the reclassification of Chief Investigator, Ellen F. Knight, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford. The reclassification is retroactive to January 11, 2013.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the attorney reappointments.

The Chief Public Defender further discussed the 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, Robert J. Meredith, Hartford Judicial District, expiring on 6/29/17; and Assistant Public Defender, Rosemary S. Montesi, Geographical Area 4 (Waterbury), expiring on 6/29/17.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Shalu Rajan, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport) and Paralegal II, Gaile Colaresi, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden, upon the successful completion of their probationary period.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 4:57 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 5:14 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Paul Shae to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven). The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:16 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 5:21 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Marcia Crampton to the position of

Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport). The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender at Step 3 of the Deputy Assistant Public Defender Salary Schedule.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Tanisha Williams to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport). The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:24 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 6:16 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Ismael Perez to the position of Investigator III, Waterbury Judicial District. The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 6:18 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.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 6:35 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Income Eligibility Guidelines for 2013-2014, effective July 1, 2013.

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 approve the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, Laila M. Haswell, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 6:36 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 6:44 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Paula Waite to the position of Assistant Public Defender, Hartford Judicial District. The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(E) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

Chairman Rechen thanked Commission member, Monsignor William A. Genuario, for acting as chair while the Chair was not available.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow
Deputy Chief Public Defender