

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 1, 2011

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:42 p.m., at the Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden, Connecticut.

Members Present

Thomas J. Rechen, Esq., **Chair**
Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey
Monsignor William A. Genuario
Aimee Golbert, LCSW
Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza

Others Present

Susan O. Storey, Chief Public Defender
Brian S. Carlow, Deputy Chief Public Defender
Deborah Del Prete Sullivan, Legal Counsel
(Via Telephone Conference Call)
Sharon M. Elias, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender
Waterbury Juvenile Matters
Christine Rapillo, Director of Juvenile Delinquency Defense
and Child Protection Services
Nancy Roberts, Director of Human Resources
Milton I. Walsh, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender
Geographical Area 12 (Manchester)

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2011 meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Cristina Mongillo, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), upon the successful completion of her probationary period.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to reappoint the following attorneys to a new four-year term: Assistant Public Defender, Johanna M. Canning, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), expiring on 11/14/15; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Melanie C. Frank, Rockville Juvenile Matters, expiring on 11/19/15; Assistant Public Defender, James F. Longwell, Geographical Area 18 (Bantam), expiring on 11/19/15; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Nicole A. Donzello-Foltz, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), expiring on 11/28/15; and Assistant Public Defender, Omar A. Williams, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), expiring on 11/28/15.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:45 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 5:26 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Megan A. Hill to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 12 (Manchester). 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 appoint Attorney Jeffrey G. LaPierre to the position of Assistant Public Defender, New Haven 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 appoint Attorney John Cizik to the position of Assistant Public Defender, Waterbury Juvenile Matters. 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 ratify the appointment of Crystal Rose to the position of Public Defender Secretary, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the outside employment request of Attorney Karen Goodrow, Director, Connecticut Innocence Project, Hartford.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Attorney Karen Goodrow, Director, Connecticut Innocence Project, Hartford.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:32 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 5:52 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the realignment and reclassification plan of the Assigned Counsel Unit.

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.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow
Deputy Chief Public Defender