

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**SEPTEMBER 4, 2012**

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The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:43 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  
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  
Michael J. Isko, Public Defender  
New Britain Judicial District  
Elisa L. Villa, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender  
Geographical Area 17 (Bristol)

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2012 meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:44 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 5:25 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the proposed salary adjustments.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:26 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 appoint Attorney Peter Matthews to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 17 (Bristol). 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 Damian Tucker to the position of Assistant Public Defender, New Britain 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 5:50 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 6:00 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorneys Laila Haswell and Janice N. Wolf to the job-share position of Assistant Public Defender, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden. 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 Attorney Karen Hardy-Massaro to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Waterbury/Torrington/Danbury Juvenile Matters.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve a compensation matter regarding an appointee.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Kathleen Belanger to the position of Public Defender Secretary, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve a compensation matter regarding an appointee.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to the Financial Director,

Stephen Hunt, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford; Investigator II, Denise Riley, Habeas Corpus Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill; and Public Defender Secretary, Crystal Rose, 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 reappoint the following attorneys to a new four-year term: Assistant Public Defender, Lindsey Guerrero, Juvenile Post-Conviction and Re-Entry Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, expiring on 8/15/16; Assistant Public Defender, Michael Riley, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), expiring on 8/29/16; Assistant Public Defender, Michael J. Richards, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), expiring on 9/8/16; Assistant Public Defender, Mark T. Johnson, Geographical Area 3 (Danbury), expiring on 9/12/16; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Todd A. Edgington, Geographical Area 15 (New Britain), expiring on 9/13/16; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Christopher C. Sheehan, Geographical Area 4 (Waterbury), expiring on 9/18/16; Assistant Public Defender, Sandra J. Crowell, Geographical Area 15 (New Britain), expiring on 9/22/16; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Michael C. Walker, Hartford Juvenile Matters, expiring on 9/29/16; and Assistant Public Defender, Janice N. Wolf, Geographical Area 12 (Manchester), expiring on 9/29/16.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 6:15 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 6:27 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.

Chairman Rechen notified the Commission of some correspondence that he received and will be discussed at the next meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow  
Deputy Chief Public Defender