

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
DECEMBER 4, 2012

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:35 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.
Aimee Golbert, LCSW
Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza

Others Present

Susan O. Storey, Chief Public Defender
Brian S. Carlow, Deputy Chief Public Defender
Nancy M. Roberts, Director of Human Resources

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to amend the minutes of the November 13, 2012 special meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the amended minutes of the November 13, 2012 special meeting.

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: Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Sharon M. Elias, Waterbury Juvenile Matters, expiring on 12/2/16; Assistant Public Defender, David W. Forsythe, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), expiring on 12/5/16; Assistant Public Defender, Wayne A. Jekot, Geographical Area 4 (Waterbury), expiring on 12/5/16; Assistant Public Defender, Corrie-Ann Mainville, Bridgeport Judicial District, expiring on 12/5/16; Assistant Public Defender, Maya K. Sparks, Geographical Area 1 (Stamford), expiring on 12/5/16; and Assistant Public Defender, Suzanne L. McAlpine, Psychiatric Defense Unit, Connecticut Valley Hospital, Middletown, expiring on 12/15/16.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Jared J. Millbrandt, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport); Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Sara N. Swallen, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford); and Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Russell M. Williams, Jr., Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), upon the successful completion of their probationary periods.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to extend the probationary period of an employee of the Division for an additional six months.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the 2013 Commission Meeting dates as amended.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the General Guidelines for Juveniles until the next meeting.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the budget for the Division.

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) and Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 6:05 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 to approve the Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission. The Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey abstained from the vote in the matter of State vs. Eduardo Santiago and State vs. Peter Waraksa.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Ellen Knight to the position of Chief Investigator, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

The Commission Chair, Thomas J. Rechen, Esq., wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow
Deputy Chief Public Defender