

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 4, 2014

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:31 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
Aimee Golbert, LCSW
Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza
Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale

Others Present

Susan O. Storey, Chief Public Defender
Brian S. Carlow, Deputy Chief Public Defender
Nancy M. Roberts, Director of Human Resources
Deborah Del Prete Sullivan, Legal Counsel, Director
Sean F. Kelly, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender
Geographical Area 10 (New London)

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:32 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 4:55 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Jassette Ann-Marie Henry to the position of Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 10 (New London). The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender with no change in salary.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
JASSETTE ANN-MARIE HENRY

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 5:00 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Courtney E. Ennis to the position of Investigator II, Geographical Area 21 (Norwich). The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender with no change in salary.

APPOINTMENT OF
COURTNEY E. ENNIS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:01 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 5:45 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2013 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chief Public Defender discussed the attorney reappointments.

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, Scott M. Jones, New Haven Judicial District, expiring on 1/11/18; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Michael S. Alevy, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), expiring on 1/13/18; Assistant Public Defender, John L. Stawicki, Hartford Judicial District, expiring on 1/15/18; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Neal G. Cone, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden, expiring on 1/16/18; Public Defender, R. Bruce Lorenzen, Hartford Judicial District, expiring on 1/16/18; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Rosemarie Chapdelaine, Danbury Judicial District/Geographical Area 3, expiring on 2/4/18; Public Defender, Christopher Cosgrove, Litchfield Judicial District, expiring on 2/9/18; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Jonathan C. Newman, Hartford Community Court, expiring on 2/26/18; Assistant Public Defender, Megan L. Ocampo, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), expiring on 2/26/18; Assistant Public Defender, Victoria A. Pells, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), expiring on 2/26/18; Public Defender, Michael K. Courtney, Danbury Judicial District/Geographical Area 3, expiring on 2/27/18; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Richard J. Perry, Geographical Area 21 (Norwich), expiring on 2/27/18; and Assistant Public Defender, Damian T. Tucker, New Britain Judicial District, expiring on 2/27/18.

ATTORNEY
REAPPOINTMENTS

The Chief Public Defender discussed the permanent statuses.

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

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to the Director of Connecticut Innocence Project/Post Conviction Unit, Darcy McGraw, Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill, upon the successful completion of her promotional probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Public Defender, Claudia D. Jones, Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11, upon the successful completion of her promotional probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

Director of Human Resources, Nancy M. Roberts, discussed the mileage reimbursement rate change for the Division.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the uniformed mileage reimbursement set at the GSA approved rate for the Division.

APPROVAL OF MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT AT GSA APPROVED RATE

The Chief Public Defender discussed the Division's Annual Report.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Division's Annual Report.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT

The Chief Public Defender discussed the outside employment request of Senior Assistant Public Defender, Joseph E. Lopez, New Haven Judicial District.

The Chief Public Defender further discussed the outside employment request of Senior Assistant Public Defender, Beth A. Merkin, New Haven Judicial District.

The Chief Public Defender further discussed the paid educational leave request of Administrative Assistant, Tammie L. Parker, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Senior Assistant Public Defender, Joseph E. Lopez, New Haven Judicial District.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Senior Assistant Public Defender, Beth A. Merkin, New Haven Judicial District.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the paid educational leave request of Administrative Assistant, Tammie L. Parker, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

APPROVAL OF PAID
EDUCATIONAL LEAVE

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with

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Section 1-200(6)(A) and Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 6:27 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the schedule of invoices as submitted to the Commission. The Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey abstained from the vote in the matter of State vs. John Turner.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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 matters of State vs. Jamaal Coltherst; State vs. David Grant; State vs. Eduardo Santiago; State vs. John Turner; and State vs. Damian Williams. The Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale abstained from the vote in the matters of State vs. Taylor Banek; State vs. John Denby; and State vs. Charlie Levine.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan for 2013-2014.

APPROVAL OF EQUAL
EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY PLAN FOR
2013-2014

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan O. Storey
Chief Public Defender