

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
JANUARY 8, 2013

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:33 p.m., in the conference room, at the Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present

Thomas J. Rechen, Esq., **Chair**
Carl Eisenmann, Esq.
Monsignor William A. Genuario
Aimee Golbert, LCSW
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
Mary Haselkamp, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender
Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport)

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2012 meeting. Two Commission members abstained from the vote.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:35 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 4:42 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Kelly M. Berwick to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport). The effective date of the appointment is January 11, 2013.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back 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.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 4:48 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Rebecca L. Kieran to the position of Social Worker III, 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 ratify the appointment of Stacey Anglade to the position of Social Worker I, Geographical Area 15 (New Britain).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Audrey Gilzene to the position of Public Defender Secretary, Tolland Judicial District/ Geographical Area 19.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the permanent statuses.

The Chief Public Defender further discussed the attorney reappointments.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Public Defender Secretary, Kathleen Belanger, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden; and Investigator I, Amy B. Preiss, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), 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, Claudia D. Jones, Hartford Judicial District, expiring on 1/2/17; Assistant Public Defender, Brian R. Pear, Geographical Area 4 (Waterbury), expiring on 1/7/17; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Kevin C. Williams, Ansonia-Milford Judicial District/Geographical Area 22, expiring on 1/12/17; Public Defender, Thomas J. Ullmann, New Haven Judicial District, expiring on 1/13/17; and Senior Assistant Public Defender, James J. Pastore, Bridgeport Judicial District, expiring on 1/23/17.

Human Resources Director, Nancy M. Roberts discussed the mileage reimbursement rate for the Division's employees.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve an increase in the mileage reimbursement rate for the Division's employees. The effective date of the increase is January 1, 2013 at \$.565 per mile.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the Division's budgetary and longevity issues and the Annual Report.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:15 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 5:24 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. Commission member, Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza abstained from the vote in the matter of James Mitchell vs. Warden.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow
Deputy Chief Public Defender