

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
MAY 20, 2014**

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:40 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
Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza

Others Present

Susan O. Storey, Chief Public Defender
Brian S. Carlow, Deputy Chief Public Defender

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2014 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2014 special meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:41 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 5:41 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the reclassification of Paula Lohr to the position of Human Resources Officer, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford. The effective date of the reclassification is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

RECLASSIFICATION OF
PAULA LOHR

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the compensation plan for Exempt employees.

APPROVAL OF
COMPENSATION PLAN

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:45 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 6:18 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Turkessa E. Antrum to the position of Director of Human Resources, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford. The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

APPOINTMENT OF
TURKESSA E. ANTRUM

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, Matthew DiVito, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), upon the successful completion of his probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Social Worker I, Janel Davis, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven); and Social Worker I, Franca Parra-Polimeni, Geographical Area 15 (New Britain), upon the successful completion of their probationary periods.

PERMANENT STATUS

The Chief Public Defender discussed the attorney reappointments.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to reappoint the following attorney to a new four-year term: Senior Assistant Public Defender, Linda D. Babcock, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), expiring on 5/15/18.

ATTORNEY
REAPPOINTMENT

The Deputy Chief Public Defender discussed the proposed Income Eligibility Guidelines for 2014-2015.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Income Eligibility Guidelines for 2014-2015. The effective date of the Guidelines is July 1, 2014.

APPROVAL OF INCOME
ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 6:25 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 6:40 p.m.

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. Brett Bednarz; and State vs. Horville Lebrick.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of State vs. Eduardo Santiago for a reduced amount. The Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey abstained from the vote.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, James B. Streeto, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, Sanford O. Bruce, III, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven).

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow
Deputy Chief Public Defender