

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:36 p.m., at the Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden, Connecticut.

Members Present

Thomas J. Rechen, Esq., **Chair**

G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq. (**Via Conference Call**)

Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey

Monsignor William A. Genuario

Aimee Golbert, LCSW

Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza

Others Present

Susan O. Storey, Chief Public Defender

Brian S. Carlow, Deputy Chief Public Defender

Turkessa E. Antrum, Director of Human Resources

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2014 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:37 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 6:30 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney George D. Flores to the position of Public Defender, Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY
GEORGE D. FLORES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, M. Elizabeth Reid, Geographical Area 20 (Norwalk).

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

The Chief Public Defender discussed the list of attorney reappointments.

The Chief Public Defender further discussed the list of permanent statuses.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to reappoint the following attorneys to a new four-year term: Assistant Public Defender, Sonia M. Jones, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), expiring on 9/9/18; Assistant Public Defender, Molly Arabolos, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), expiring on 9/10/18; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Sandra Davis, Geographical Area 13 (Enfield), expiring on 9/16/18; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Claud E. Chong, Hartford Judicial District, expiring on 9/29/18; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Renee Cimino, New Haven Juvenile Matters, expiring on 9/29/18; and Senior Assistant Public Defender, David A. Smith, Geographical Area 7 (Meriden), expiring on 9/29/18.

ATTORNEY
REAPPOINTMENTS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Social Worker I, Sara Hodis, Geographical Area 18 (Bantam), upon the successful completion of her probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

Director of Human Resources, Turkessa E. Antrum, briefly updated the Commission on the revisions to the Division's Administrative Manual.

The Chief Public Defender informed the Commission of the Division's involvement in "Stand Down".

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 6:46 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 matter of State vs. Angel Sammie Rodriguez.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow
Deputy Chief Public Defender