



# State of Connecticut Council on Developmental Services

# DDS

## Minutes of the August 9, 2021, Special Meeting

**Location:** Meeting Held Virtually via Microsoft Teams

**In attendance:** Adrienne Benjamin, Christine Hainsworth-Strauss, Deb Ullman, Diana Mennone, Karen Hlavac, Kevin Zingler, Rick Rothstein, Pam DonAroma, Joe Duffy, Patti Silva, Arlene Reith, Rick Lenz

**Absent:** Lisa Weisinger-Roland,

**DDS Staff:** Kevin Bronson, Director of Communications, Legislation & Regulations

## Introductions

Kevin Zingler, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM

## Moment of Silence for those affected by COVID-19

## Opportunity for Public Participation

None.

## Topics for discussion:

- Executive Session to Discuss the Ombudsperson's Position ○ Motion to enter an executive session with Kevin Bronson as an invited guest ✦ Rick Rothstein made the motion Karen Hlavac, seconded, passed unanimously,
- Went into executive session at 4:08 PM
- No votes were taken by the Council during the executive session
- Deb Ulman motioned to close the executive session Pam DonAroma, seconded, closed at 5:51 PM
- Karen Hlavac made a motion to send the following ranked list of qualified candidates to Governor Ned Lamont for the DDS Ombudsman position.
  - #1 Shannon Jacovino
  - #2 Lauralyn Lewis
  - Seconded by Patti Silva
  - Motion Passed unanimously
- Karen Hlavac made a motion to close the meeting at 5:52 PM, Seconded by Patti Silva, passed unanimously, adjourned at 5:53 PM.