

Advisory Committee on Collateral Consequences of Criminal Conviction

July 12th, 2018

2:00 PM

IMRP Conference Room, Downtown Campus

Central Connecticut State University

New Britain, CT

MINUTES

Members Present: *John Santa (chair), Sarah Russell (vice-chair), Robert Devlin, Christine Rapillo, Brian Austin, Richard Sparaco, Michael Hines and Hakima Bey*

Staff: *Alex Tsarkov (Executive Director), Andrew Clark, Mary Janicki and Andrew Bolger*

I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting was convened at 2:05pm.

II. CERTIFICATES OF EMPLOYABILITY

Members discussed the certificates of employability, the draft report prepared by staff and the draft recommendations contained in the report.

III. ERASURE OF CRIMINAL RECORDS

Members discussed the possibility of automatic erasure in four areas:

- 1) Automatic erasure of criminal records of certain misdemeanors convictions
- 2) Automatic erasure of certain records of people who were convicted as adults but who otherwise would have been convicted as juveniles if Raise the Age legislation had been in effect
- 3) Automatic erasure of certain marijuana convictions
- 4) Automatic erasure of juvenile records

Hakima Bey introduced a proposal from the Office of the Victim Advocate on erasure.

IV. LICENSES

Members discussed the need to compile a list of all the statutory constraints that prohibit people with a criminal record from obtaining occupational licenses.

V. VOTING

Members discussed the need to clarify where the lines are drawn under current law on who can and who cannot vote. The staff will prepare a memo on voting for the next meeting.

VI. OTHER AREAS FOR EXPLORATION

Members discussed the need to get more information from the Department of Correction and the Department of Administrative Services on the cost of inmates' phone call and placing funds in a commissary account.

VII. MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm

Next meeting is scheduled for August 30th at 2:00pm.