

**Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Collateral Consequences of  
Criminal Conviction**

Thursday, October 4th, 2018

2:00 PM

IMRP Conference Room, Downtown Campus

Central Connecticut State University

New Britain, CT

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** *Robert Devlin, John Santa, Brian Austin, Leland Moore, Larry D'Orsi, Karl Lewis, Michael Hines, Deborah Del Prete Sullivan, Sarah Russell, RJ Anderson, Peter Cunniff, and Hakima Bey-Coon*

**Staff:** *Alex Tsarkov, Andrew Clark, Mary Janicki, Renee LaMark Muir and Melissa Perez*

**Others:** *Josh Perry and Shannon Wegele*

I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting convened at 2:10 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The minutes from August 30<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

III. VOTING

Mary Janicki presented on the logistical challenges of eligible inmates voting through absentee ballots. Members discussed and approved unanimously a proposal for a study of the Commissioner of Correction, the Secretary of State and the Sentencing Commission to study the feasibility of implementing voter registration and voting in the Department of Correction's facilities by those eligible to register and vote.

IV. ERASURE OF CRIMINAL RECORDS

Members discussed the possibility of automatic erasure in four areas:

- a. 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
- b. Automatic erasure of juvenile records
- c. Automatic erasure of certain marijuana convictions
- d. Automatic erasure of criminal records of certain misdemeanors convictions

V. Proposal from the Office of the Victim Advocate

Members discussed and approved unanimously a proposal to amend the Section 54-56e of the general statutes

VI. LICENSES

Members discussed the upcoming study that would focus on any collateral consequences of criminal conviction on the ability to obtain various state licenses.

VII. COST OF INMATES' COMMUNICATION AND COMMISSARY

Sarah Russell, RJ Anderson and Peter Cunniff presented information on the state contract that covers inmates' phone call. Alex Tsarkov presented information on the state contract that covers the cost of placing funds in a commissary account by third parties.

VIII. CERTIFICATES OF EMPLOYABILITY

Staff is working on finalizing the recommendations and will present them at the next meeting.

IX. MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.