

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 25, 2019

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Legislative Office Building, Room 1B

300 Capitol Avenue

Hartford, CT

MINUTES

Members Present: Hon. Robert Devlin (Chair), John Santa (Vice Chair), Hon. Patrick Carroll, Hon. Gary White, William Dyson, Chief Thomas Kulhawik, Atty. Robert Farr, Chief Mark Palmer, Atty. Kevin Kane, Atty. Jennifer Zito, Atty. Christine Rapillo, Gary Roberge, Atty. Michael Chase, Atty. Shepack, Marc Pelka, Rollin Cook, James Rovella, Atty. Natasha Pierre, Carleton Giles and Hon. Hillary Strackbein.

Staff: Alex Tsarkov (Executive Director)

I. MEETING CONVENED

Judge Robert Devlin (Chair) called the meeting to order at approximately 2:05 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2018

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the December 19th meeting. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

III. 2019 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Judge Robert Devlin and Alex Tsarkov discussed the recommendation of the Sentencing Commission to the Judiciary Committee. Members discussed the possibility of grouping the Commission's recommendations to the Judiciary Committee into three proposals:

1. An Act Concerning Recommendations of the Sentencing Commission with Respect to Penalties for Sex Offenders
2. An Act Concerning Various Recommendations of the Sentencing Commission
3. An Act Concerning the Recommendations of the Connecticut Sentencing Commission with Respect to the Sexual Offender Registry

IV. LICENSURE STUDY

Members discussed the study that will examine the impact of criminal conviction on the eligibility and suitability for various state licenses.

V. PRETRIAL RELEASE AND DETENTION

Members discussed the proposal to send a letter to the Rules Committee of the Superior Court to request a rule change to make the ten percent cash bonds an automatic option whenever a surety bond below \$20,000 is imposed. The Commission took a vote to forward the letter to the Rules Committee.

VI. SUGGESTIONS FOR 2019 PROJECTS

Members discussed ideas for the 2019 projection. A new working group chaired by Judge Strackbein will examine the statutory diversionary programs. Members also discussed an Alford plea, and minimum mandatory sentences.

VII. MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

NEW WEBSITE:

<http://ctsentencingcommission.org>

2019 MEETING SCHEDULE:

March 28th, 2-4pm

May 16th, 2-4pm

September 12th, 2-4pm

November 21st, 2-4pm