

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 16th, 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, Chief Mark Palmer, Atty. Kevin Kane, Atty. Jennifer Zito, Atty. Christine Rapillo, Gary Roberge, Atty. Shepack, Marc Pelka, Rollin Cook, James Rovella, Atty. Natasha Pierre, Carleton Giles and Hon. Hillary Strackbein.

Staff: Alex Tsarkov (Executive Director), Mary Janicki and Renee LaMark Muir

I. MEETING CONVENED

Judge Robert Devlin (Chair) called the meeting to order at approximately 2:10 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2019

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 28th meeting. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

III. 2019 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Alex Tsarkov and Judge Robert Devlin provided a legislative update on the following bills:

1. SB 948, *An Act Concerning the Recommendations of the Connecticut Sentencing Commission with Respect to Misdemeanor Sentences*
2. HB 7349, *An Act Concerning Identity Theft Victim Access to Records*
3. SB 25, *An Act Restoring Electoral Privileges to Felony Convicts Who are on Parole*
4. SB 1113, *An Act Concerning the Recommendations of the Connecticut Sentencing Commission with Respect to the Sexual Offender Registry, Petitions to Terminate Parental Rights of Incarcerated parents and Sentence Review*
5. SB 1008, *An Act Concerning a Study of the Disparities in Pretrial and Sentencing Outcomes of Criminal Defendants*

IV. PRETRIAL RELEASE AND DETENTION

Judge Devlin and Alex Tsarkov provided an update on the Commission's request to the Rules Committee of the Superior Court to amend Practice Book Rule Sec. 38-8, which would allow ten percent cash bail to be available automatically for surety bonds under \$20,000 both at court and at the police departments. This proposal was endorsed by the Connecticut Sentencing Commission in its 2017 report on pretrial release and detention: https://www.ct.gov/ctsc/lib/ctsc/Pretrial_Release_and_Detention_in_CT_2.14.2017.pdf

V. ANNUAL REPORT

Mary Janicki provided a summary of the Sentencing Commission's annual report. The report was adopted by the Commission unanimously and will be forwarded to the Judiciary Committee.

VI. PROJECT UPDATE

Renee LaMark Muir provided an update on the following projects:

1. Diversionary Programs Study
2. Licensure Study
3. Firearm Offenses Study

VII. MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20pm.

NEW WEBSITE:

<http://ctsentencingcommission.org>

MEETING SCHEDULE:

Commission Meetings - 2019

September 12th, 2-4pm

November 21st, 2-4pm

**National Association of Sentencing
Commission Conference (NASC)**

August 7-9