

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

September 16th, 2020

2:00 – 3:30 PM

Video Conference Call

MINUTES

Members Present: *Robert J. Devlin, Jr. (chair), John Santa (vice-chair), Carleton Giles, Chris Rapillo, Marc Pelka, Garry Roberge, Jen Zito, John Santa, Mark Palmer, Michael Norko (on behalf of Miriam Delphin-Rittmon), Patrick L. Carroll, III, Richard Colangelo, Jr., Thomas Kulhawik, Bill Dyson, Angel Quiros, James Rovella, Sarah Russell, Joan Alexander, Vernon Oliver, and Michael Chase*

Guests: *Miguel de Figueiredo*

Staff: *Alex Tsarkov (Executive Director), Andrew Clark, Van Augur*

I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting convened at 2:05 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 5.27.2020 MEETING

John Santa made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Bill Dyson. The minutes were unanimously approved.

III. REMARKS FROM THE CHIEF JUSTICE

Chief Justice Richard Robinson made remarks to the Commission on the operations of the Judicial Branch and the state of the criminal justice in Connecticut.

IV. DISPARITIES STUDY

Professor Miguel de Figueiredo of the University of Connecticut School of Law provided an update on the disparities study.

V. PRETRIAL RELEASE AND DETENTION

Judge Devlin and Alex Tsarkov provided an update on the Commission's study on pretrial release and detention in response to Sen. Looney's request.

VI. MENTAL HEALTH STUDY

Michael Chase provided an update on the mental health study in response to a request from Sen. Osten.

VII. INCARCERATION AND THE COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF CRIMINAL CONVICTION SUBCOMMITTEE

John Santa and Sarah Russell provided an update on the work of the Incarceration and the Collateral Consequences of Criminal Conviction Subcommittee. Sarah Russel and Alex Tsarkov presented on voting issues and the potential legislative proposal to restore voting rights to incarcerated individuals.

VIII. SENTENCING REFORMS SUBCOMMITTEE

Judge Devlin gave an update on the work of the Sentencing Reforms Subcommittee. The Subcommittee is considering potential proposals in areas of sentence modification, minimum mandatory sentences, drug-free zones and juvenile parole hearings.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.