

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 19th, 2021

2:00 – 3:30 PM

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Minutes

Members Present: Robert J. Devlin, Jr. (chair), Bob Farr, Brian Foley (on behalf of James Rovella), Carleton Giles, Christine Rapillo, Jennifer Zito, Jeremiah Johnson, Vernon Oliver, Margaret Kelley, Mark Palmer, Sarah Russell, Gary Roberge, Joan Alexander, Michael Chase, Richard Colangelo, Jr., Natasha Pierre, Bill Dyson, Patrick Carroll, Patrick Carroll, Eulalia Garcia (on behalf of Angel Quiros), Michael Norko (on behalf of Miriam Delphin-Rittmon)

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

Guests: Professor Jessica Rubin, University of Connecticut School of Law

I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting was convened at 2:05 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 3.24.2021 MEETING

The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Alex Tsarkov provided an update on the following bills:

- HB 6594, An Act Concerning the Criminal Justice Process.
- SB 1019, An Act Concerning the Board of Pardons and Paroles, Erasure of Criminal Records for Certain Misdemeanor and Felony Offenses, Prohibiting Discrimination based on Erased Criminal History Record Information and Concerning the Recommendations of the Connecticut Sentencing Commission with Respect to Misdemeanor Sentences.
- SB 5, An Act Concerning Increased Opportunities for Absentee Voting, Safe and Secure In-Person Voting, Voter Registration and Certain other Changes Regarding Election Administration.

- SB 923, An Act Concerning Review of Animal Cruelty Laws by the Connecticut Sentencing Commission.

IV. PRESENTATION: ANIMAL CRUELTY AND RELATED STATUTES

Professor Rubin presented to the Commission on potential areas that the Commission may want to focus on if it is to conduct the study of animal cruelty statutes.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Commission members discussed the composition of the subcommittee on animal cruelty statutes. Judge Oliver agreed to chair the subcommittee.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:52 pm.

Sentencing Commission Meetings - 2021

1. Wednesday, September 15th, 2-4pm
2. Wednesday, November 17th, 2-4pm
3. Wednesday, December 15th, 2-4pm