

**Steering Committee Meeting**  
Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 2:00 PM  
Via Zoom

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** *Robin Pavia (chair); John Santa (vice chair), Judge Patrick Carroll, Robert Farr, Christine Rapillo, Kevin Lawlor (on behalf of Richard Colangelo), Marc Pelka, and Sarah Russell.*

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

**Guests:** *Steve Ross (University of Connecticut), Melanie Dykas (Division of Criminal Justice), Maurice Reaves (OPM-CJPPD), and Deborah Sullivan (Division of Public Defender Services).*

I. MEETING CONVENED

Vice Chair Santa convened the meeting at 2:02 P.M.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 1.12.2022 MEETING

Judge Carroll made a motion, seconded by Sarah Russell. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

III. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CHAIR

Vice Chair Santa and Judge Carroll introduced Judge Pavia as the Commission's newly appointed chair. The members of the Steering Committee introduced themselves to Judge Pavia. Judge Carroll announced that Commissioner Rapillo has been nominated to become a superior court judge. Commission members expressed their gratitude for her service to the Sentencing Commission and to the Division of Public Defender Services. John Day will be representing the Division in future meetings until a successor is selected. Judge Pavia introduced herself to the Steering Committee.

IV. DISPARITIES SYUDY

Professor Ross shared an update on the Disparities Study per *Special Act 19-17*. Members discussed aspects of the study and Professor Ross addressed questions.

V. COMMISSION 101 PRESENTATION

Andrew Clark and Alex Tsarkov presented on an overview of the Sentencing Commission.

VI. ANNUAL REPORT

Judge Pavia and Alex Tsarkov presented the draft of the annual report. Members agreed to forward the draft to the full Commission for consideration.

VII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Judge Pavia and Alex Tsarkov provided an update on the following proposals to the General Assembly:

- An Act Concerning Sentence Modification
- An Act Concerning the Cost of Incarceration
- An Act Concerning Sex Offender Registry
- An Act Restoring the Right to Vote

VIII. MENTAL HEALTH STUDY

Alex Tsarkov shared an update on the mental health study among the incarcerated population. The Commission recently obtained a new round of data from the Department of Correction that includes mental health diagnosis data.

IX. REPORT ON PRETRIAL RELEASE AND DETENTION

Alex Tsarkov shared the draft of the report on pretrial release and detention per Sen. Looney's request. Steering Committee members were asked to get back their comments and edits on the report by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Judge Pavia talked about potential projects going forward and asked members to consider other areas to bring up to the Commission.

Steering Committee Meetings – 2022

1. Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm
2. Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm
3. Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm
4. Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm