

# CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

## **Steering Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

IMRP Conference Room, Downtown Campus

Central Connecticut State University

185 Main Street

New Britain, CT

**Members Present:** Vivien Blackford; Atty. Kevin Kane; Michael Lawlor; John Santa (Acting Chair), and Atty. Thomas J. Ullmann.

**Staff:** Alex Tsarkov (Executive Director), Andrew Clark, and Gus Marks-Hamilton.

**Also participating:** Stephen Grant, Gary Roberge, and Bryan Sperry.

## **MINUTES**

### **I. MEETING CONVENED**

The Meeting was called to order at approximately 1:10 p.m.

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 11.22.2016 MEETING**

The minutes from the November 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

### **III. "Report to the Governor and the General Assembly on Pretrial Release and Detention in Connecticut"**

- A. Alex Tsarkov reviewed the draft recommendations of the Commission's Pretrial Release and Detention report with the committee members. Members provided feedback and made suggestions for edits to the report.
- B. Vivian Blackford made a motion for the report and its recommendations to be sent to the full Commission for their consideration. The motion was seconded by Atty. Thomas J. Ullman. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **IV. SEX OFFENDER STUDY**

Atty. Thomas Ullmann updated members on the progress of the Commission's Sex Offender Study.

### **V. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Alex Tsarkov reported on the three bills that the Commission will recommend to the General Assembly in the 2017 legislative session.

**VI. PUBLIC HEARING**

The committee discussed the public hearing on the registration, management and sentencing of sex offenders in Connecticut on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

Alex Tsarkov noted that there is a vacancy seat on the committee. Members discussed and agreed to recommend Maureen Price-Boreland to fill the vacancy.

**VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM

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