

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Thursday, February 2, 2017

2:00pm

Legislative Office Building, Room 1E

300 Capitol Avenue

Hartford, CT

MINUTES

Members Present: *Vivian Blackford, Hon. Patrick Carroll; Hon. Robert J. Devlin; William Dyson; Hon. Robert Farr; Carleton Giles; Stephen Grant; Atty. Kevin Kane; Chief Thomas Kulhawik; Michael Lawlor; Chief Mark Palmer; Atty. Natasha Pierre; Atty. Maureen Price-Boreland; Atty. Sarah Russell; John Santa (acting chair); Atty. David Shepack; Atty. Susan A. Storey; Atty. Thomas J. Ullmann; and Hon. Gary White.*

Also Participating: Atty. Kim Buchanan; Andrew Clark; Karl Lewis; Gary Roberge; and Bryan Sperry.

Staff: *Alex Tsarkov (Executive Director); Mary Janicki; Atty. Leland Moore; and Gus Marks-Hamilton*

I. MEETING CONVENED

Acting chair John Santa called the meeting to order at approximately 2:10 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 8, 2016

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the December 8th meeting. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

III. STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Atty. Thomas J. Ullmann nominated Maureen Price-Boreland to fill the vacancy on the steering committee. The motion was seconded by Hon. Patrick Carroll and approved unanimously.

IV. SEX OFFENDER STUDY UPDATE

Stephen Grant gave a summary of the sex offender hearing held on January 25th and updated the Commission on the progress of the three subcommittees of the Special Committee on Sex Offenders

V. PRETRIAL RELEASE AND DETENTION REPORT PRESENTATION

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Alex Tsarkov, Atty. Leland Moore, Gary Roberge, Atty. Kim Buchanan, Atty. Sarah Russell, and Hon. Robert J. Devlin presented a summary of the report on pretrial release and detention

Following a discussion of the report and its recommendations, Atty. Susan Storey made a motion to amend Recommendation #7 by adding that the Division of Public Defenders Services should have adequate staff and resources for purposes of making comprehensive bail and diversion arguments at arraignment. The motion was seconded by Atty. Kevin Kane and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Hon. Patrick Carroll made a motion to accept the report with an amendment that certain commissioners (*Judge White, Attorney Farr, and Attorney Pierre*) raised the issue of including in Recommendation 1 a proposal that “public safety” be considered by the court in setting bond for all misdemeanors, not just those misdemeanors involving family violence offenses. Judge Carroll also asked that the Judicial Branch be included in Recommendation #7 as it should have adequate personnel and resources to accommodate implementation of the recommendation. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

VI. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION

The resolution was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

VII. MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.