

# CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

## Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 8, 2016

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Legislative Office Building, Room 1C

300 Capitol Avenue

Hartford, CT

## Minutes

**Members Present:** *Vivien Blackford; Hon. Robert J. Devlin; William R. Dyson; Hon. Robert Farr; Stephen Grant; Atty. Kevin Kane; Chief Thomas Kulhawik; Michael Lawlor; Chief Mark A. Palmer; Maureen Price-Boreland; Atty. Sarah French Russell; John Santa (Vice Chair); Karen Martucci (on behalf of Scott Semple); Atty. Susan O. Storey; and Atty. Thomas J. Ullmann.*

**Members Absent:** *Hon. Patrick Carroll, Miriam Delphin-Rittmon, Carleton Giles, Natasha Pierre, Dora B. Schriro, Atty. David Shepack, and Hon. Gary White.*

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

### **I. MEETING CONVENED**

John Santa called the meeting to order at approximately 2:15 p.m.

### **II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JUNE 9, 2016**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

### **III. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED BYLAWS (DRAFT)**

Maureen Price-Boreland presented the proposed bylaws to the Commission and briefly described the drafting process. Ms. Price-Boreland requested that any comments or questions be emailed to Commission staff before the next meeting. John Santa noted that the bylaws will not be voted on until the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **IV. RESEARCH UPDATE**

#### *A. Sex Offender Registry*

Stephen Grant provided an update on the work of the Special Committee on Sex Offenders and noted that the committee is in the process of developing legislative proposals for future consideration.

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## *B. Pretrial Release & Detention*

Executive Director Alex Tsarkov noted that both the pretrial release and detention advisory group and Commission staff have made significant progress on the evaluation of pretrial release and detention and are on track to have a draft report ready for approval.

## *C. Diversion Programs*

Mary Janicki provided a brief update on the evaluation of pretrial diversion programs.

## *D. Risk & Needs Based Sentencing*

Executive Director Tsarkov noted that the MOU with the University of Maryland is almost complete.

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS**

John Santa noted that the Commission will hold a public hearing on pretrial release, detention, and diversion on November 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Legislative Office Building. Mr. Santa also noted that the next Commission meeting will take place on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **VI. MEETING ADJOURNED**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:06 p.m.

*This meeting was recorded digitally by CT-N. Additional meeting materials are available on the Connecticut Sentencing Commission's website at [www.ct.gov/ctsc/](http://www.ct.gov/ctsc/)*