

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 17,

2015

10:00 AM

IMRP Conference Room, Downtown Campus

Central Connecticut State University

New Britain, CT

Members Present: John Santa (acting as committee chair), Vivien Blackford, Atty. Kevin Kane, Hon. Patrick Carroll, and Atty. Thomas Ullmann

Also Participating: Andrew Clark, Alex Tsarkov (Executive Director), and Atty. Leland Moore (Staff)

Guest: T.J. Casey

MINUTES

I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:15 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 7.23.15 MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved by a unanimous vote.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WELCOME

The committee congratulated Alex Tsarkov on his new role as the Sentencing Commission's Executive Director.

IV. 2016 SENTENCING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

The committee decided that the Commission will meet on the following dates during the 2016 year: January 14th, March 10th, June 9th, September 8th, and December 8th. All meetings are scheduled for 2:00pm and will be held in the legislative office building unless otherwise specified.

V. STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATION

Ms. Blackford moved adoption of the Staff and Strategic Planning Working Group

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recommendations as amended (see attached) and direct the Commission staff to develop and draft an action plan for presentation at the next committee meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously.

VI. GOVERNOR'S REQUEST TO EXAMINE BAIL AND DIVERSIONARY PROGRAMS

The committee discussed the governor's requests regarding bail and pre-trial diversionary programs. The committee instructed staff to research the Commission's authority to consider this issue and draft and develop a scope and tentative work schedule for review at the next meeting.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

The next committee meeting will take place on December 10th at 9:30am.

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED

Mr. Santa adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.