

**Steering Committee Meeting**  
Thursday, November 16, 2017  
2:00 PM  
*IMRP Conference Room, Downtown Campus*  
*Central Connecticut State University*  
*New Britain, CT*

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** *Hon. Robert Devlin; Atty. Kevin Kane; John Santa, Vivien Blackford, Atty. Kevin Kane, Maureen Price-Boreland, and Atty. Thomas Ullmann.*

**Members Absent:** *Mike Lawlor and Hon. Patrick Carroll*

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

I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:05 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 9.14.2017 MEETING

The minutes from the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

III. PRETRIAL RELEASE AND DETENTION

Judge Devlin and Alex Tsarkov updated members on the delegation site visit to New Jersey.

Members discussed the recent symposium on pretrial release and detention.

Members discussed the possibility of introducing a constitutional amendment on bail that would (1) permit denial of release for high-risk defendants and (2) deny detention of defendants for lack of funds to secure a bail bond.

IV. SEX OFFENDER STUDY

Judge Devlin and Atty. Ullmann provided an update on the sex offender study. Members discussed the proposal to reform the sex offender registry that would be introduced to the full Commission for their consideration at the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

V. ADVISORY GROUP ON COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF CRIMINAL CONVICTION

John Santa updated members on the work of the Advisory Group on Collateral Consequences of Criminal Conviction. Members discussed potential proposals on erasure of records, the maximum sentence for misdemeanor convictions, the Adoption and Safe Families Act, and the family impact statements.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

Members discussed the agenda for the upcoming Commission public hearing on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

VII. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SENTENCING COMMISSIONS CONFERENCE

Alex Tsarkov updated members on the conference of the National Association of Sentencing Commissions (NASC) to be held on August 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>.

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.