

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 4, 2015

2:00 p.m.

IMRP Conference Room, Downtown Campus

Central Connecticut State University

New Britain, CT

Members Present: Hon. David Borden (Commission Chair), Michael Lawlor, Vivien Blackford, Atty. Kevin Kane, and Hon. Patrick Carroll

Also Participating: Andrew Clark (Acting Executive Director), Atty. Leland Moore (Staff), and Madonna Burns (Staff)

MINUTES

I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:22 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 11.25.14 MEETING

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

III. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

a. An Act Concerning the Sexual Offender Registration System

The Committee discussed the passage of Senate Bill 1087 and its requirement that the Commission conduct a study of Connecticut's sexual offender registration system. Justice Borden suggested that a special committee be formed to supervise and implement the study and suggested that Atty. Robert Farr and Stephen Grant be appointed as co-chairs. The Committee decided to add this item to the agenda for the next Commission meeting.

b. An Act Concerning Lengthy Sentences Committed by a Child or Youth

The Committee briefly discussed the passage of Senate Bill 796. Justice Borden provided a synopsis of how the various amendments were added on to the bill. As amended, the bill requires that the Commission study how victims may be notified of parole eligibility and other release mechanisms. The Committee decided to add this item to the agenda for the next Commission meeting.

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IV. STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKING GROUP REPORT

The Committee clarified the role and membership of the strategic planning working group formed during the last meeting. The Committee would like the working group to develop a set of recommendations for the Commission and present them at a future meeting. The working group will consist of Andrew Clark, John Santa, Hon. William Dyson, Vivien Blackford, and Atty. Leland Moore. The Committee decided to open membership to interested Commissioners at the next Commission meeting.

V. STAFF ACTIVITY REPORT

Andrew Clark, Leland Moore, and Madonna Burns provided the Committee with an update on the day-to-day activity of the CTSC staff.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH UPDATE:

Atty. Moore excused himself from the room.

The search committee has reviewed all applications for the executive director's position, and a categorical list was forwarded to CCSU's Office of Diversity and Equity for their review. The committee will begin interviewing candidates next week.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee discussed the Commission's existing budgetary resources and potential means to expand upon these resources.

The Commission's website was transferred over from the Office of Policy and Management's domain to its own "ct.gov" domain. The site can be accessed by visiting www.ct.gov/ctsc

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED

Justice Borden adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.