

# CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

## Regular Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

2:00 – 3:30 PM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82591617485>

## Minutes

**Members Present:** *John Santa (acting chair), Robert Farr, Brian Foley (on behalf of James Rovella), Carleton Giles, Christine Rapillo, Jennifer Zito, Vernon Oliver, Margaret Kelley, Sarah Russell, Gary Roberge, Joan Alexander, Michael Chase, Kevin Lawlor, Natasha Pierre, Bill Dyson, Patrick Carroll, Angel Quiros, Michael Norko.*

**Staff:** *Alex Tsarkov (Executive Director)*

### I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting was convened at 2:05 pm.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 11.17.2021 MEETING

The minutes were approved unanimously.

### III. COMMISSION LEADERSHIP

Judge Carroll provided an update to members that the chair for the Commission has not yet been appointed, but the Chief Justice is working to find a suitable candidate.

### IV. LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

Alex Tsarkov reviewed the proposals adopted by the Sentencing Commission to the General Assembly. The Commission will submit *An Act Concerning Sentence Modification* to the Judiciary Committee. The proposal clarifies that Section 25 of Public Act 21-102 applies retroactively.

The Commission will submit *An Act Concerning Cost of Incarceration* to the Judiciary Committee. This proposal would repeal Connecticut General Statutes

that authorize the Department of Correction and Attorney General to charge inmates for costs related to their term of incarceration.

The Commission will submit legislation to the Government Administration and Elections Committee that would restore electoral privileges to all incarcerated individuals except for those who are serving life without possibility of parole sentences. The proposal also addresses logistical challenges of voting from prison.

V. APPROVAL OF THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY PROPOSAL

The Commission debated *An Act Concerning the Recommendations of the Sentencing Commission with Respect to Sex Offender Registry*. This proposal would implement a narrower version of the sexual offender registry reform package that the Commission has proposed since 2018. This proposal would retain the current offense-based registration requirements, but would provide ten-year registrants a removal mechanism if certain requirements are met. The proposal would also give judges discretion at the time of conviction to place registrants on the law enforcement-only registry rather than the public registry.

Eighteen members were present at the meeting. The vote was as follows:

In favor: 9  
Against: 2  
Abstain: 7

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25pm.