

## **Steering Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

2:00 PM

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### **MINUTES**

**Members Present:** *Robert Devlin (chair), John Santa (vice-chair), Judge Carroll, Robert Farr, Christine Rapillo, Richard Colangelo, Robert Farr and Sarah Russell.*

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

**Others:** *Melanie Dykas and Deborah Sullivan.*

#### I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting was convened at 2:05pm.

#### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 3.17.2021 MEETING

The minutes were approved unanimously.

#### III. STUDY OF ANIMAL CRUELTY LAWS

Professor Rubin presented to the Committee on potential areas that the Commission may want to focus on if it is to conduct the study of animal cruelty statutes.

#### IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Alex Tsarkov provided an update on the Commission's 2021 legislative proposals. The General Assembly has enacted the Commission's recommendations with respect to drug free school zones, sentence modification, and misdemeanor sentencing. The General Assembly did not consider the Commissions' proposals concerning inmate voting rights or the sexual offender registry.

#### V. IMRP/SENTENCING COMMISSION BUDGET

Alex Tsarkov and Andrew Clark provided information on the Commission's budget.

#### VI. PRETRIAL RELEASE AND DETENTION

Members discussed efforts to develop a proposal to reduce the pretrial detained population and that would move the pretrial system away from money bail as a detention mechanism per Sen. Looney's request. The Commission has not yet been able

to get an agreement in this area, but is working on a report that would provide an update on pretrial developments nationally.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm

**Steering Committee Meetings - 2021**

1. Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm
2. Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm
3. Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm
4. Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm

**Full Sentencing Commission Meetings - 2021**

1. Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm
2. Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm
3. Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm
4. Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm
5. Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm