

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, November 16th, 2022

2:00 – 3:30 PM

Via Zoom

MINUTES

Members Present: Robin Pavia (Chair), Angel Quiros, Anna VanCleave, Carleton Giles, Gary Roberge, Jennifer Zito, Marc Pelka, Margaret Kelly, Patrick Carroll, Patrick Griffin, Sarah Russell, Scott Sansom, TaShun Bowden-Lewis, Vernon Oliver, Sarah Russell, Michael Norco, Natasha Pierre, Subira Gordon, Michael Chase

Staff: Alex Tsarkov (Executive Director), Van Augur, Andrew Clark, Patricia O'Rourke

I. MEETING CONVENED

Judge Pavia convened the meeting at 2:00 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 9.14.2022 MEETING

Motion: Gary Roberge

Second: Scott Samson

The motion passed unanimously

III. ANIMAL CRUELTY STATUTES WORKING GROUP

Judge Oliver provided an update on the working group's efforts to study the state's animal cruelty statutes. The Sentencing Commission adopted the working group's recommendation concerning sexual assault in the fourth degree.

IV. CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AND SENTENCING SUBCOMMITTEE

Commissioner VanCleave provided an update on the work of the subcommittee that has been focused on ten percent cash bonds, minimum mandatory sentences, felony murder and human trafficking.

Commission members took a vote to adopt the subcommittee's proposal to amend Connecticut Practice Book Sec. 38-8.

Motion: Jennifer Zito

Second: Subira Gordon

Objection: Natasha Pierre

Abstentions: Judge Oliver and Judge Carroll
Motion passed.

V. INCARCERATION AND COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF CRIMINAL CONVICTION

Professor Sarah Russell provided an update on the subcommittee's work with respect to Compassionate and Medical Parole, and Public Act 15-84 parole hearings.

VI. MENTAL HEALTH STUDY

Alex Tsarkov provided an updated on the Commission's upcoming mental health report. Patricia O'Rourke provided an update on the Commission's study on mental health going forward.

VII. SENTENCING COMMISSION SYMPOSIUM

Commissioner Zito and Judge Pavia discussed the Commission's upcoming symposium at UConn Law on November 17.

VII. ADJOURNED

Judge Pavia adjourned the meeting at 2:53 P.M.

The next meeting will take place virtually on January 3, 2023.