

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Via Zoom

MINUTES

Members Present: Robin Pavia (Chair), John Santa (Vice-Chair), Angel Quiros, Anna VanCleave, Carleton Giles, Gary Roberge, Jennifer Zito, Marc Pelka, Margaret Kelly, Patrick Carroll, Patrick Griffin, Scott Sansom, Deborah Sullivan, Vernon Oliver, Michael Norko, Natasha Pierre, Subira Gordon, Michael Chase

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

I. MEETING CONVENED

Judge Pavia convened the meeting at 2:03 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 11.16.2022 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 proposal concerning Desmond's Law.

IV. INCARCERATION AND COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF CRIMINAL CONVICTION SUBCOMMITTEE

Commissioners Zito and Attorney Del Prete Sullivan provided an update on the work of the subcommittee concerning Public Act 15-84 hearings and medical parole. The Commission adopted the subcommittee's proposal to expand eligibility for 15-84 parole hearings to individuals who committed offenses before the age of twenty-one by a 9-6 vote with 3 abstentions.

The Commission tabled the medical parole proposal for revision and reconsideration.

V. CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AND SENTENCING SUBCOMMITTEE

Commissioner VanCleave and Attorney Del Prete Sullivan provided an update on the work of the subcommittee concerning minimum mandatory sentences. The Commission adopted a proposal to allow judges to depart from the mandatory 90-day minimum sentence for third- or subsequent convictions for driving with a refused, suspended or revoked registration or license.

VI. MENTAL HEALTH STUDY

Vice Chair Santa tabled discussion of the study to the Commission's March meeting.

VII. ADJOURNED

Vice Chair Santa adjourned the meeting at 4:00 P.M.

The next meeting will take place virtually on March 23, 2023.