

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 21st, 2023

2:00 – 3:30 PM

Zoom

MINUTES

Members Present: Robin Pavia (Chair), John Santa (vice-chair), Michael Chase, Michael Gailor, Jennifer Zito, Natasha Pierre, Joe Garabaldi, Jennifer Zaccagnini, Gary Roberge, Steve Tavares, Gerald Harmon, Reena Kapoor (on behalf of Nancy Navarretta), TaShun Bowden-Lewis, Patrick Carroll, Patrick Griffin, Thomas Canny, Valina Carpenter (on behalf of Marc Pelka), and Anna VanCleave.

Staff: Alex Tsarkov, Andrew Clark, Patricia O'Rourke, Rich Sparaco, Colin Rosadino, and Ayesha Durrani, Connor Reed

Guests: Rep. Vaughn Crichlow, Catherine Osten, Benjamin Howell, and CT-N

I. MEETING CONVENED

Meeting convened at 2:03 p.m. Judge Pavia acknowledged the time and contributions of all related to the November 16th symposium.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 9/28/23 MEETING

Minutes were approved.

III. JUSTICE DAVID BORDEN FELLOWSHIP

Judge Pavia introduced Ayesha Durrani as the Commission's first Justice David Borden Fellow. Ayesha was in attendance and greeted the Commission members.

IV. MEDICAL/COMPASSIONATE PAROLE PRESENTATION

Richard Sparaco, Research Consultant, Connecticut Sentencing Commission and Connor Reed, Intern, Quinnipiac Law School shared a presentation on medical and compassionate parole.

V. SENTENCING COMMISSION DELEGATION TRIP TO NEW JERSEY

Alex Tsarkov provided an update on the December 12-13th trip to learn more about the state's pretrial justice system.

VI. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Alex Tsarkov provided a brief update on the activities of the Incarceration and Collateral Consequences of Incarceration Subcommittee.
- b. Mike Gailor provided a brief update on the activities of the Criminal Procedure and Sentencing Subcommittee.
- c. Judge Harmon provided a brief update on the activities of the Mental Health

Subcommittee.

Meeting concluded at 3:08 p.m.

Additional Updates:

- Commission Meeting dates for 2024 were shared.