

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 24, 2025, 1:00 PM

Members Present: Judge Robin Pavia (Chair), John Santa (Vice Chair), Patrick Griffin, Daniel Karpowitz, Bill Dyson, Jen Zito, Gerald Harmon, Deborah Del Prete Sullivan

Staff: Andrew Clark, Tommy Dowd, Ken Barone, Matt Hono, Chenoa Greenlee, Rich Sparaco

MINUTES

I. MEETING CONVENED

- Judge Pavia convened the meeting at 1:01 PM.

II. REVIEW OF 6.26 MEETING AGENDA

- Andrew Clark reviewed the agenda for the upcoming Commission meeting.

III. UPDATE ON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH PROCESS AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- As the search for a new Executive Director continues, the Committee discussed the need to clarify the position, its duties, and its relationship to IMRP, UConn, and the Commission as a whole.
 - Jennifer Zito, Daniel Karpowitz, and Judge Pavia commented.
- Judge Pavia suggested that the Steering Committee meet in person this summer to draft proposed amendments to the Commission's bylaws.
 - Daniel Karpowitz recommended that members bring written suggestions to the meeting.
- Judge Pavia introduced Rich Sparaco and proposed formally appointing him as Interim Executive Director.
 - Sparaco logged off before the Committee began its discussion of the proposition. Following the discussion, the Committee voted to recommend

his appointment to the full Commission at its meeting on Thursday. The Commission will vote on the recommendation at that time.

- Additionally, the Committee will develop a description of the role and its responsibilities.

IV. STRATEGIC PLANNING

- The Committee discussed the ongoing pretrial study.
 - Judge Cronin has sent a draft of the comparative section, which has been forwarded to the co-chairs of the Criminal Procedure and Sentencing Subcommittee.
 - The study will include a quantitative section, which is expected to be completed by the end of the summer.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- At the upcoming Commission meeting, Judge Pavia will formally recommend appointing Deb Sullivan to replace Mike Chase as co-chair of the Criminal Procedure and Sentencing Subcommittee.
- Pavia adjourned the meeting at 2:02 PM.