

# CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

## Criminal Procedure and Sentencing Committee

Monday, November 3, 2025

1:00 – 2:30 PM

**Members Present:** Michael Gailor (co-chair of Committee), Deborah Del Prete Sullivan (co-chair of Committee), Judge Robin Pavia (chair of Commission), John Santa (vice chair of Commission), Judge Gerald Harmon, Robert Cristiano, Joe Garibaldi, Judge Joseph Schwartz, Michael Hines, Gary Roberge, Jennifer Zito

**Staff:** Rich Sparaco, Tommy Dowd, Matthew Hono, Jordan Oquendo, Michael Cronin, Andrew Clark

**Guests:** Michael Jones, John Delbarba

### MINUTES

#### I. MEETING CONVENED

- Michael Gailor convened the meeting at 1:05 p.m.
- Gailor reviewed and finalized the official list of committee members.

#### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 10.16.2025 MEETING

- John Santa inquired about the progress of the Public Act 15-84 Outcomes Report.
  - Rich Sparaco reported that an initial draft of the report would likely be completed in November. Sparaco will circulate the draft to committee members when it is available.
- The minutes from the 10.16.2025 meeting were approved.
  - Judge Robin Pavia abstained because she was absent for most of the meeting.

#### III. HATE CRIME STATUTES REPORT

- a. Update on presentation of report at 10.23.25 Commission meeting
  - Deborah Del Prete Sullivan provided an update on the report.
    - At the October 23 Commission meeting, the Commission tabled the Hate Crime Statutes Report due to outstanding concerns and the limited time members had to review the report.

- b. Discussion regarding any proposed changes
  - Judge Robin Pavia asked whether individuals with concerns had drafted their concerns or potential amendments in writing.
  - John Santa, Deborah Del Prete Sullivan, and Jennifer Zito raised concerns about how the report addresses C.G.S. § 53-37a, specifically regarding (1) the statute's relation to masks and (2) its exclusion from the consolidation efforts in the final draft of House Bill 6872.
    - To alleviate these concerns, the Committee unanimously decided to include additional language in the recommendation section and a footnote in the section pertaining to House Bill 6872.
    - An amended draft of the report will be sent to committee members tomorrow.
      - Please send final comments on the report to Rich Sparaco by Wednesday, November 12.
- c. Action Item – Vote to send report back to full Commission
  - The Committee did not vote on this agenda item.

#### IV. UPDATE ON PRETRIAL WORKING GROUP

- Rich Sparaco provided an update on the pretrial working group.
  - The group is meeting every Friday until at least the end of the year.
  - Working group members and commission staff are currently developing an official charge for the group.

#### V. OTHER BUSINESS

- The next Criminal Procedure and Sentencing Committee meeting will be held on November 18 at 1 p.m.
- The next full Commission meeting will be held in person on December 10 at 1 p.m.
- Michael Gailor adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m.