

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Criminal Procedure and Sentencing Committee

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

1:00 – 2:00 PM

Members Present: Michael Gailor (co-chair of Committee), Deborah Del Prete Sullivan (co-chair of Committee), Judge David Gold (chair of Commission), John Santa (vice chair of Commission), Judge Gerald Harmon, Robert Cristiano, Judge Joseph Schwartz, Michael Hines, Gary Roberge, Jennifer Zito, Anna VanCleave, Lisa D'Angelo

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

Guests: John Delbarba

MINUTES

I. MEETING CONVENED

- Michael Gailor convened the meeting at 1:06 PM.
- Rich Sparaco introduced Judge David Gold, the new Chair of the Sentencing Commission.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 11.3.2025 MEETING

- The minutes from the 11.3.2025 meeting were approved.

III. HATE CRIME STATUTES REPORT

a. Edits received

- Michael Gailor and Deborah Del Prete Sullivan reviewed the edits received from members of the Committee, including Gailor, Jennifer Zito, and Anna VanCleave.
- Two additional edits were suggested:
 - Gailor suggested clarifying that the statutes should be workable for all practitioners, not just prosecutors.
 - Sullivan and Zito suggested adding language that encourages the legislature to review the current hate crime statutes.

b. Comments and discussion

- Committee members discussed and reached consensus on all suggested edits.
- c. Action Item – Vote to send report back to full Commission
- The Committee voted unanimously to advance the report to the full Commission.

IV. UPDATE ON PRETRIAL WORKING GROUP

- Rich Sparaco provided an update on the pretrial working group, which meets weekly on Fridays.
 - The group has developed a charge.
 - The group is currently assessing the availability of pretrial data, evaluating the impacts of past legislative changes to pretrial statutes, and developing a narrative document to catalog findings and remaining questions.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

- Rich Sparaco provided an update on family impact statements.
 - The Commission is working collaboratively with the Connecticut Children with Incarcerated Parents Initiative at the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy and the Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division to explore whether family impact statements could be added to presentence investigation reports.
 - The group decided that the Criminal Procedure and Sentencing Committee is an appropriate forum to discuss possible proposals on this topic.
- The next Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 10, at 1 PM at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1A.
- Michael Gailor adjourned the meeting at 1:53 PM.