

# CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

## Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 14, 2016

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Legislative Office Building, Room 1C

300 Capitol Avenue

Hartford, CT

## Minutes

**Members Present:** *Vivien Blackford; Hon. Elliot N. Solomon (on behalf of Hon. Patrick Carroll); Hon. Robert J. Devlin; Hon. William R. Dyson; Carleton Giles; Hon. Robert Farr; Stephen Grant; Atty. Kevin Kane; Chief Thomas Kulhawik; Michael Lawlor; Chief Mark A. Palmer; Atty. Hakima Bey-Coon (on behalf of Natasha Pierre); John Santa (Vice Chair); Scott Semple; Atty. Susan O. Storey, and Atty. Thomas J. Ullmann.*

**Members Absent:** *Hon. David M. Borden (Chair); Miriam Delphin-Rittmon; Tracey L. Meares; Maureen Price-Boreland; Dora B. Schriro; Atty. David Shepack; and Hon. Gary White.*

**Staff:** *Alex Tsarkov (Executive Director), Andrew Clark, and Leland J. Moore.*

### **I. MEETING CONVENED**

John Santa called the meeting to order at approximately 2:06 p.m.

### **II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2015**

Carleton Giles moved to approve the minutes from the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

### **III. 2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

Vice Chair Santa provided an overview of the Commission's accomplishments and activities in 2015 and presented the Commission's 2015 Annual Report for consideration. A motion was made to adopt the 2015 Annual Report. The report was adopted unanimously.

### **IV. INTERIM REPORT: SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SEX OFFENDERS**

Attorney Farr updated the Commission on the work of its special committee on sex offenders and presented the committee's interim report for review and approval. Atty. Farr moved adoption of the Special Committee on Sex Offender's Interim Report. The report was adopted unanimously after discussion.

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## V. STUDIES ON BAIL AND DIVERSIONARY PROGRAMS

Michael Lawlor explained the Governor's rationale for requesting that the Commission examine bail bonds and pretrial diversionary programs. Executive Director Alex Tsarkov updated the Commission on his plan for proceeding with these studies and presented a draft study scope for each.

## VI. RESEARCH COMMITTEE EVIDENCE BASED SENTENCING PROPOSAL UPDATE

Atty. Ullmann provided a brief update on the proposed study of need and risk-based sentencing and noted that the Research Committee has reviewed several proposals and referred its recommendation to the Steering Committee for further consideration.

## VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Several announcements were made, however, no other business was considered.

## VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:20 p.m.

*This meeting was recorded digitally by CT-N. Additional meeting materials are available on the Connecticut Sentencing Commission's website at [www.ct.gov/ctsc/](http://www.ct.gov/ctsc/)*

### 2016 Commission Schedule

Meetings: **March 10<sup>th</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup>, December 8<sup>th</sup>.**  
(Time: 2-4pm; Location: Legislative Office Building)