

# CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

## Regular Meeting

Thursday, March 10, 2016

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Legislative Office Building, Room 1D

300 Capitol Avenue

Hartford, CT

## Minutes

**Members Present:** *Vivien Blackford; Hon. David M. Borden (Chair); 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; Michael Norko (on behalf of Miriam Delphin-Rittmon); Chief Mark A. Palmer; Maureen Price-Boreland; John Santa (Vice Chair); Scott Semple; Atty. David Shepack; Atty. Susan O. Storey; Atty. Thomas J. Ullmann; and Hon. Gary White.*

**Members Absent:** *Tracey L. Meares, Natasha Pierre, and Dora B. Schriro.*

**Staff:** *Alex Tsarkov (Executive Director) and Atty. Leland J. Moore.*

**Guests:** *Governor Dannel P. Malloy and Timothy Schnacke*

### **I. MEETING CONVENED**

John Santa called the meeting to order at approximately 2:11 p.m. Vice Chair Santa welcomed Justice David M. Borden back to the meeting.

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

Michael Lawlor moved to approve the minutes from the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

### **III. WELCOME: GOVERNOR DANNEP P. MALLOY**

Vice Chair Santa welcomed Governor Dannel P. Malloy to the meeting. The Governor remarked on the Commission's evaluation of pretrial release and detention and discussed his proposed reforms for the session.

### **IV. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CORRECTIONS PRESENTATION ON LEGAL AND EVIDENCE-BASED PRETRIAL RELEASE AND DETENTION**

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Timothy Schnacke—National Institute of Corrections—presented on the fundamental principles of pretrial release and detention in the United States and provided a framework for a model pretrial justice system. .

## V. RESOLUTION 2016-01

Atty. Ullmann provided background on the resolution including the proposal review process and the University of Maryland proposal. Atty. Ullmann moved adoption of resolution 2016-01. The resolution was adopted unanimously after discussion.

## VI. INITIAL REPORT: CERTIFICATES OF EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAM EVALUATION

Consideration of the initial report was postponed to the next meeting.

## VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Executive Director Tsarkov provided a brief update on the status of the two Commission recommendations under consideration by the General Assembly this session.

Atty. Ullmann expressed concern that meeting minutes do not provide an adequate summary of presentations. Discussion followed.

## VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:02 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: **June 9<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup>, December 8<sup>th</sup>.**  
(Time: 2-4pm; Location: Legislative Office Building)