

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Full Commission Meeting

Thursday, June 28, 2012

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Legislative Office Building, Hearing Room 1D
Hartford, CT

Members Present: *Hon. Joseph Shortall (Chair), Michael Lawlor (Vice Chair), Vivien Blackford, Hon. David Borden, Reuben Bradford, William Carbone, Hon. Robert Devlin, Kevin Kane, Mark Palmer, Susan Pease, Maureen Price-Boreland, Patricia Rehmer, John Santa, David Shepack, Susan Story, Thomas Ullmann*

Members Absent: Leo Arnone, Hon. Patrick Carroll, Michelle Cruz, Tracy Meares, Hon. Gary White

Also Participating: *Andrew Clark (Acting Executive Director), Jason DePatie, Richard Sparaco (representing Erika Tindill)*

Public Attendees: *Brian Austin, Bob Farr, Deborah Fuller, Linda Meyer, David Norman, Chris Reinhart, Deborah Del Prete Sullivan, Alex Tsarkov*

MINUTES

I. MEETING CONVENED

Judge Shortall called the meeting to order at approximately 2:15 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2012

The minutes were amended to note that Hon. Gary White, Hon. David Borden and David Shepack abstained from approving the minutes because they were not present at the January 26, 2012 meeting. The amended minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

III. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Andrew Clark reported on the status of four bills the Sentencing Commission submitted to the legislature:

A. Certificates of Relief From Barriers

After the Judiciary Committee public hearing, a small group met with CONN NAHRO to discuss the concerns of local housing authorities in regard to the

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language addressing public housing. An agreement was reached with CONN NAHRO, but local housing authorities continued to voice concerns which resulted in the provision being stripped from the bill before it reached the Senate floor. Unfortunately, due to unrelated political maneuvering and the time constraints of the legislative session, the bill did not make it out of the Senate. In its last form, only judges could issue a certificate upon recommendation from probation.

B. Juvenile Sentence Reconsideration

In a conversation

IV. REPORT OF THE ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (ANDREW CLARK)

V. REPORT OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE (MIKE LAWLOR)

- A. Consideration of recommended policy that Commission statute be amended to add four legislative members; viz., the chairs and ranking members of Judiciary Committee
- B. Consideration of recommended policy on “consensus decision making”

VI. REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES ON FUTURE WORK PLANS

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Certificates of Relief from Barriers
- B. Reconsideration of Juvenile Sentences
- C. Bill re kidnapping and sexual assault

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. MEETING ADJOURNED