

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

2:30 PM

IMRP Conference Room, Downtown Campus

Central Connecticut State University

New Britain, CT

Members Present: John Santa (Acting Chair); Vivien K. Blackford; Atty. Kevin Kane; and Hon. Patrick L. Carroll.

Staff: Alex Tsarkov (Executive Director), Mary Janicki

Also Participating: Maureen Price-Boreland and Andrew Clark

MINUTES

I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:35pm. Acting Chairman Santa noted that Atty. Thomas J. Ullmann could not attend due to a meeting of the Special Committee on Sex Offenders Subcommittee on Sex Offender Sentencing scheduled for the same time.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 4.26.16 MEETING

The minutes of the June 11th, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved.

III. REVIEW OF PROPOSED BYLAWS

Ms. Price-Boreland presented the Commission's draft bylaws. The Committee agreed to make several revisions and forward to the full Commission for their review. The Committee agreed that the Commission would hold a vote on the draft bylaws at the Commission's December 8th meeting.

VI. RESEARCH UPDATE

a. Pretrial Release and Detention

Acting Chairman Santa and Mr. Tsarkov provided an update on Commission's evaluation of pretrial release and detention. Committee members discussed recent meetings of the release and detention advisory group, including a meeting with Judge Truman Morrison of Washington D.C., and a meeting with the bail

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bondsmen and insurance industry representatives. The Committee also discussed data analysis by Flint Springs Associates that will be incorporated into the Commission's report on pretrial release and detention.

b. Diversionary Programs

Ms. Janicki provided a brief update on the status of this evaluation.

c. Sex Offender Study

Mr. Tsarkov provided an update on the work of the Special Committee on Sex Offenders and its three subcommittees.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

The Commission's public hearing will take place on November 3rd, 2016.

The next meeting of the Steering Committee was scheduled for October 20th at 2:00PM.

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED

Acting Chairman Santa adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.