

# CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

## Full Commission Meeting

Thursday, June 26, 2014

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

*Legislative Office Building, Room 1B  
300 Capital Avenue, Hartford, CT*

## MINUTES

### I. MEETING CONVENED

*Justice Borden called the meeting to order at approximately 2:16 p.m.*

### II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2014

*Upon a duly made and seconded motion, the minutes were **approved by a unanimous voice vote.***

### III. JUDICIARY COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS & RANKING MEMBERS

*The Judiciary Co-chairs and Ranking Members were unable to attend. It was agreed that they'd be invited to present at a subsequent Commission meeting.*

### IV. 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

1. **HB-5221**, AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION REGARDING LENGTHY SENTENCES FOR CRIMES COMMITTED BY A CHILD OR YOUTH AND THE SENTENCING OF A CHILD OR YOUTH CONVICTED OF CERTAIN FELONY OFFENSES.
  - *CONSENSUS: The Commission decided to send the matter to the Steering Committee for purposes of establishing a strategy for proposing this matter for the 2015 CGA session.*
2. **SB-153**, AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO CERTIFICATES OF REHABILITATION.
  - **PROPOSED: IMPLEMENTATION WORKING GROUP**
  - *DISCUSSION: Andrew Clark informed members that this bill became PA 14-27.*
  - *CONSENSUS: A working group was formed, with Renee Muir, Andrew Clark, Prof. Sarah Russell (QU) Prof. Alec Ewald (UVM), Rich Sparaco (BOPP), and Gary Roberge (CSSD) as the initial members.*
3. **SB-259**, AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION REGARDING THE ENHANCED PENALTY FOR THE SALE OR POSSESSION OF DRUGS NEAR SCHOOLS, DAY CARE CENTERS AND PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS.
  - *CONSENSUS: This item was tabled for discussion in a future meeting and/or the retreat.*

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## 4. **HB-5586, CLASSIFICATION/TECHNICAL CHANGES**

- 1) Sec. 53a-127b. FRAUDULENT USE OF AN AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE: CLASS C MISDEMEANOR.
- 2) Sec. 53a-128. ISSUING A BAD CHECK. PENALTIES.
  - *DISCUSSION: Andrew Clark informed members that elements of this bill are incorporated into PA 14-233*

## V. BUDGET UPDATE

5. Steering Committee: Search Committee for Executive Director
  - *DISCUSSION: Andrew Clark informed members of the \$100,000 included in the IMRP's budget to assist with the CT Sentencing Commission.*
  - *CONSENSUS: It was decided to send this matter to the Steering Committee for purposes of devising recommendations for the hiring of a CSC Executive Director.*

## VI. RECOMMENDATIONS: WORKING GROUP ON COLLABORATIONS WITH OTHER CJ INITIATIVES

- *DISCUSSION: John Santa, Bill Dyson, Jason DePatie, and Andrew Clark presented draft recommendations to the Commission.*
- *CONSENSUS: It was agreed to table this item for a vote at a subsequent meeting.*

## VII. COMMITTEE UPDATES (RECIDIVISM REDUCTION; RESEARCH)

- *DISCUSSION: Susan Pease updated the Commission on the work of the Research Committee. They are currently focusing on 3 topic areas: Mandatory Sentencing, Drug Courts and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) within the correctional population. Maureen Price-Boreland updated the Commission on the work of the Recidivism Reduction Committee. They are currently working with the DOC on employment opportunities. They also anticipate releasing a white paper on substance abuse treatment and are working with the behavioral health committee of CJPAC.*

## VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- *DISCUSSION: The Commission discussed the need for a retreat.*
- *CONSENSUS: A retreat Committee was formed comprising of Commissioners Blackford, Santa, Dyson, Price-Boreland, and Dzurenda.*

## IX. MEETING ADJOURNED

*Justice Borden adjourned the meeting at 3:50pm.*