

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Full Commission Meeting

Thursday, September 19, 2013

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Legislative Office Building, Room 1A

Hartford, CT

Members Present: *Hon. David Borden (Chair), Mike Lawlor (Vice Chair), Hon. Robert Devlin, William Carbone, Susan Pease, Vivien Blackford, Maureen Price-Boreland, Thomas Ullmann, Erika Tindill, Kevin Kane, Deborah Sullivan, Pete Gioia, David Shepack, Mark Palmer, Garvin Ambrose, Reuben Bradford, Mike Norko (Representing Patricia Rehmer), Deborah Sullivan (Representing Susan Storey)*

Members Absent: *Hon. Patrick Carroll, Hon. Gary White, Tracey Meares, John Santa*

Also Participating: *Hon. Joseph Shortall, Andrew Clark (Acting Executive Director), Jason DePatie*

MINUTES

I. MEETING CONVENED

Justice Borden called the meeting to order at approximately 2:15 p.m.

II. TRIBUTE TO JUDGE SHORTALL

Justice Borden thanked Judge Shortall for his service as the first chair of the Sentencing Commission. Upon asking if any of the members wished to speak favorably of Judge Shortall's time as chair of the Commission, Mike Lawlor, Judge Devlin, Maureen Price-Boreland, Thomas Ullmann, Kevin Kane, Deborah Sullivan (representing Susan Storey), Vivien Blackford, Peter Gioia, William Carbone, and David Shepack offered their personal recognition and appreciation of Judge Shortall's efforts. Justice Borden then yielded his chair to Judge Shortall, who thanked the Commission for their remarks and stated that serving as chair has been a personal pleasure and a professional privilege. He attributed the success of the Commission to the exceptional devotion of time, attention, and thought of the members. Judge Shortall then relinquished his chair permanently to Justice Borden, and offered his assistance on future efforts of the Commission.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2013

The approval of the minutes was postponed until next meeting.

IV. PROTOCOL: PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

Justice Borden explained the need for a protocol on public correspondence which will ensure that anyone who sends letters to individual members of Commission receives a

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prompt response. Andrew Clark and Jason DePatie will work on the creation of the protocol before the next Full Commission meeting.

V. COMMITTEE UPDATES

a. Recidivism Reduction Committee

Vivien Blackford reported that the Committee continues to explore the issue of child support indebtedness, specifically adjustments during incarceration.

b. Legislative Committee

Justice Borden stated that in his new duties as Chair of the Sentencing Commission, he is precluded from serving as the Legislative Committee Chair, and a new leadership will be appointed.

VI. PRESENTATION: 2013 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SENTENCING COMMISSIONS (NASC) CONFERENCE

On behalf of the Connecticut Sentencing Commission, Alex Tsarkov and Kori Arsenault attended the 2013 National Association of Sentencing Commissions Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota on August 4th-6th. They presented a summary of the Conference to the Commission, which included descriptions of other states' Commissions and statutory missions. The legislative efforts of Sentencing Commissions from across the country were also highlighted for the members to contemplate.

Mike Lawlor explained that some other states are moving away from the use of money bail and encouraged members to research the programs. Justice Borden encouraged any members who would be interested in serving on a Bail Working Group to contact him.

Justice Borden concluded the NASC update by reporting that Connecticut is being considered as the host state for the next National Association of Sentencing Commissions Conference which will be held in August of 2014.

VII. JUVENILE SENTENCE RECONSIDERATION BILL

Justice Borden postponed voting on the juvenile sentence reconsideration bill until the next Full Commission meeting.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

At the next Sentencing Commission meeting, scheduled for 2-5 p.m. on October 24th, Justice Borden asked the Commission to consider whether HB-6582 Certificates of Rehabilitation and HB-6511 Drug Free Zones from last session should be resubmitted next year. Judge Devlin informed the Commission that upon review, the Sentencing Structure

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Committee concluded that the Commission should resubmit the bills as amended. Additionally, Justice Borden informed the Commission that Representative Fox and Senator Coleman, Co-Chairs of the Judiciary Committee, plan to send a letter addressing additional criminal justice matters they would like the Commission to explore. The letter will be distributed to Commission members upon receipt.

Justice Borden suggested that after the October 24th Full Commission meeting, the time be changed from the traditional 2 p.m. start time to 10 a.m. He asked members to consider the time change and to inform him of any inconvenience that may arise as a result.

Due to the CJPAC meeting, the public hearing on November 21, 2013 will begin an hour later at 11:00 a.m. in the Legislative Office Building.

No other business was addressed.

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.