

9/1/2022 – 5:00-5:15 pm – CT Guidelines Commission Meeting minutes

Conducted via Microsoft Teams

(Agenda Items Bolded)

5:00 pm - Call to order provision for meeting minutes.

Roll call to determine if there is a quorum. Attendees – Chair, CFSM Michael Ferguson; Graham Shaffer; Vice Chair, Lucy Potter; Darren Pruslow; Zoe Stout; Campbell Barrett; Sean Kehoe; Zoe Stout; Steven Hernandez (arrived at 5:03). Beth Rude – Scribe

Other attendees – Edgar Young; Lynn Reeves; Paul Bourdoulous; Andrew Celinski; Colleen O’Neil; Sean Allen Sr.

Members absent: Gary Winfield; Scott Storms; Craig Fishbein; Virginia Brown; Amy McNamara.

Quorum obtained.

5:03 - Chair made motion to accept the minutes of last meeting, June 2, 2022. Graham Shaffer seconded. Chair asked for comments or corrects, none made. Vote carries and minutes of last meeting approved and accepted.

5:05 - Update regarding economic review of child support guidelines. Graham Shaffer addressed members with update of contract with Center for Public Policy Research run by Jane Venohr for a sole sourcing contract to provide an economic review for the commission. We have the sole sourcing approval and DSS is working on the contract with Center for Policy Research and hopes to have the contract in place before the next meeting. They have informed us that there is a backlog in completing a study as many states were granted waivers during the pandemic, like CT, and those waivers have now expired. The study may take longer than normal to complete and expect a timeline from them at the next meeting. The contract will also include policy advising on the new federal requirements since the last guidelines commission was completed and must be incorporated into these new guidelines. Ms. Venohr, an economist and leading expert in this field, may also be amenable to appearing at a guidelines commission meeting to answer our questions on these requirements and other topics.

5:07 - Revisit topics for Commission’s Consideration

- **Imputation of income and minimum wage orders**
- **Changes needed for higher income orders?**
- **Adoption of current order when there is an arrearage at time child emancipates**
- **Arrearages calculations**
- **Methodology for orders in instances of shared custody**
- **Crediting other orders (even if not fully paid) when calculating available income**
- **Addressing situations where there are more than 2 parents following passage of the CT Parentage Act**
- **Any other topics that Commission members would like to address?**

Chair led discussion about these topics. We, as a commission, came up with these at the last meeting and there were no additions or changes submitted over the summer. Discussion about these topics and who might be interested in participating in breakout groups to discuss and make recommendations to the whole commission membership on these issues.

Will not address the next agenda item today: **Creation of working groups dedicated to particular topics** due to missing members today and their previously expressed desires to work on some of these issues. Request

members to submit more topics for commission consideration. Expect breaking out into sub-groups at the next meeting, 10/6/22. Discussion by members of desire to give further thought to additional topics to submit. Graham Shaffer requested that if any member has a sub-committee that they would like to be on, please email the chair and vice chair, Michael Ferguson and Lucy Potter and put himself, Graham Shaffer, on copy so they can begin considering how the sub-groups may be divided up.

Question raised by Sean Allen, Sr: will the subcommittees include members of the public or only commission members? Chair, Michael Ferguson, replied that this issue will be addressed at the next meeting.

5:15pm – Meeting adjourned to the first Thursday of the next month, October 6, 2022.