

The following minutes are draft minutes, which are subject to revision and have not yet been adopted by the Commission.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT – CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes for the 9/7/23 meeting, *via Microsoft Meetings*. Agenda items bolded. Scribe: Beth Rude DSS/OCSS.

5:00 pm – Roll call by Chair, Chief Family Support Magistrate Michael Ferguson.

Present: Graham Shaffer, Carolyn Signorelli, Campbell Barrett, Scott Storms, Cara Pavalock Damato, Darren Pruslow, Michael Williams,

Not present: Gary Winfield, Virginia Brown, Amy McNamara, Rose Colon, Steven Hernandez. Quorum found.

5:02 pm – Call to order, provision for meeting minutes. Review of the minutes. The meeting on 6/1/23 was canceled as there was no quorum. Review of the minutes from the 5/5/23 meeting. Motion to adopt the minutes from the May meeting moved and seconded, the motion carried with none opposed.

5:03 pm. - Announcement concerning changes in Commission membership; consideration for new vice-chair. Chair Ferguson - Attorney Lucy Potter, former Vice Chair, no longer with the commission. Introduced new members:

Carolyn Signorelli – Deputy Associate Attorney General for the State of CT.

(Steven Hernandez joined the meeting)

Cara Pavalock Damato – State of Connecticut Representative.

Rose Colon – Attorney for Greater Hartford Legal Aid.

Chair Ferguson recommends and nominates Darren Pruslow, attorney. Seconded by Graham Shaffer. Affirmative vote with none opposed.

5:06 pm - Introduction of Dr. Jane Venohr of the Center for Policy Research. Graham Shaffer introduced Dr. Venohr. Dr Venohr is an economist and research associate with the Center for Policy Research, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing research and evaluation services to government agencies on issues affecting children and families. Dr. Venohr presented the analysis she's done of some of the case file data we have here in Connecticut about our child support cases.

5:08 pm – Presentation by Dr. Venohr on an analysis of Connecticut's child-support case data. PowerPoint presentation shared and reviewed by Dr. Venohr, attached, entitled: CPR CT presentation Sept 7.

(5:12 pm – Amy MacNamara joined meeting)

(5:30 pm – Rose Colon joined the meeting)

6:26 pm – Questions & Answers. Dr. Venohr took some questions after her presentation. Graham Shaffer and others ask about what constitutes income imputation in the eyes of the feds. Darren Pruslow asks about the self-support reserve in low-income cases.

6:38 pm – Adjournment. Chair Ferguson – next meeting Thursday, October 5, 2023. Attorney Rose Colon introduced herself. She now holds the position in Greater Hartford Legal Aid that Lucy Potter previously held.



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