

11/3/2022 - 5:00-5:15pm – CT Guidelines Commission Meeting minutes

Conducted via Microsoft Teams

(Agenda Items Bolded)

5:00 pm – Call to order, provisions for meeting minutes.

Roll call to determine if we have a quorum –

Present:

- Chair and CFSM Michael Ferguson
- Vice Chair Lucy Potter
- Graham Shaffer
- Sean Kehoe
- Campbell Barrett
- Craig Fishbein
- Virginia Brown
- Darren Pruslow
- Steven Hernandez
- Zoe Stout
- Virginia Brown

Not Present:

- Scott Storms
- Gary Winfield
- Amy McNamara

Chair, we have a quorum. Vice Chair moves to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Darren Pruslow seconds. Craig Fishbein abstains from vote as he was not present at that meeting. Vote in the affirmative to accept those meeting minutes.

5:03 pm – Final Topics for Commission’s Consideration

- Topics proposed for discussion include:
- Imputation of income and minimum wage orders
- Changes needed for higher income orders
- Adoption of a current order when there is an arrearage at the time the child emancipates
- Arrearage Calculations
- Methodology for orders in instances of shared custody
- Crediting other orders, even when not fully paid, when calculating available income
- Addressing situations where there are more than two parents, following the passage of the Connecticut Parenting Act
- Providing or defining a method for calculating a monthly and/or biweekly expression of child support in the guidelines
- Setting an age at which the childcare contribution portion of the support order terminates, unless otherwise ordered by the court
- Giving credit for the voluntary support of a dependent child who is not residing with an obligor (ex. treating the child as a “qualified child”) when calculating the presumptive child support order.

Any other issues?

Darren Pruslow raised the Jenkins Calculation and arrears on that. Added Jenkins Calculation and lump sum awards to Custodial Parents from the Non-Custodial Parent which is sometimes seen as outside the child support realm.

Campbell Barrett raised the issue of supplemental orders. Cash bonuses and executive compensation are referenced in the guidelines as income but there is case law that you can't have uncapped child support, so how to deal with them? Clarified that this issue is a subset of changes needed for higher income orders.

Atty Pruslow brought forth an additional issue to address the guidelines with income from \$0-\$50/wk and how to address that. List issue is best described as low income orders.

5:08 pm - Attorney Shaffer provides update on Jane Venohr, Center for Public Policy Research. We have a contract in principle, all the language is outlined and tasks we want completed. Awaiting her organization to register with the Secretary of State's Office to do business in Connecticut. So we will be signing the contract soon. We could potentially have Ms. Venohr speak to us at our February meeting about the economic study she will provide. This could be the springboard to address all the issues we have discussed/identified here.

5:10 pm – Working Groups

It will probably be February before we break into workgroups to address these topics. Some discussion about of who is interested in working on which issues.

There will be no January meeting. We will meet on December 1st and February 2nd. Discussion about holding in-person meetings or remote meetings. Decision will be made at the December meeting.

No further issues raised by commission members.

Chair Ferguson received communication from CT-N, <https://ct-n.com/>, who would like to record our meetings probably beginning in February. To be discussed at further meetings.

5:13 pm – Next meeting will be held remotely on December 1, 2022. Adjournment.



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