

## **Criminal Justice Commission**

Via Microsoft Teams

Minutes of the Meeting of September 5, 2025

The Honorable Andrew J. McDonald, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. In addition to Justice McDonald, participating in the meeting were: Chief Judge of the Appellate Court Melanie L. Cradle, Attorneys Robert Berke, Scott Murphy and Moy Ogilvie and Chief State's Attorney Patrick J. Griffin.

Chief State's Attorney Griffin moved to accept the minutes of the June 20, 2025 meeting. Attorney Ogilvie seconded the motion and it passed 5-0-1, with Judge Cradle abstaining.

Justice McDonald said the Commission was to interview candidates for positions of Deputy Assistant State's Attorney, Office of the State's Attorney, Judicial District of Hartford, positions of Deputy Assistant State's Attorney, Office of the State's Attorney, Judicial District of Waterbury, a position of Special Deputy Assistant State's Attorney, Office of the State's Attorney, Judicial District of Windham, and a position of Special Deputy Assistant State's Attorney, Office of the Chief State's Attorney/Appellate Bureau.

Hartford Judicial District State's Attorney Sharmese L. Walcott, Waterbury Judicial District State's Attorney Maureen Platt and Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist Janice duFrend were present to participate in the interviews of candidates for Deputy Assistant State's Attorney.

Judge Cradle moved to enter into executive session to discuss candidates for the positions. Attorney Berke seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The executive session began at 9:28 a.m.

The executive session ended at 2:47 p.m. Justice McDonald announced that no motions were made or votes taken during the executive session.

Attorney Murphy moved to approve Steven Della-Giustina, Eva Jacobson and Olivia Jones for conditional appointments as Deputy Assistant State's Attorneys in the Office of the State's Attorney, Judicial District of Hartford. The appointments will be effective upon the Chief State's Attorney certifying to the Commission that the individual selected has successfully completed background checks and that no adverse findings were found in the background checks which would call into question the fitness and suitability of the individual selected to serve as a prosecutorial official within the Division of Criminal Justice. Attorney Ogilvie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Attorney Murphy moved to approve Madeline Paine for conditional appointment as Deputy Assistant State's Attorney in the Office of the State's Attorney, Judicial District of Waterbury. The appointment will be effective upon the Chief State's Attorney certifying to the Commission that the individual selected has successfully completed a

background check and that no adverse findings were found in the background check which would call into question the fitness and suitability of the individual selected to serve as a prosecutorial official within the Division. Attorney Ogilvie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Attorney Berke moved to approve Ryan Pawlak for conditional appointment as Deputy Assistant State's Attorney in the Office of the State's Attorney, Judicial District of Waterbury. The appointment will be effective upon the Chief State's Attorney certifying to the Commission that the individual selected has successfully completed a background check and that no adverse findings were found in the background check which would call into question the fitness and suitability of the individual selected to serve as a prosecutorial official within the Division. Judge Cradle seconded the motion and it passed 5-0-1, with Chief State's Attorney Griffin abstaining.

Attorney Murphy moved to approve Jessica Taylor for conditional appointment as Deputy Assistant State's Attorney in the Office of the State's Attorney, Judicial District of Waterbury. The appointment will be effective upon the Chief State's Attorney certifying to the Commission that the individual selected has successfully completed a background check and that no adverse findings were found in the background check which would call into question the fitness and suitability of the individual selected to serve as a prosecutorial official within the Division. Judge Cradle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chief State's Attorney Griffin moved to approve Lauren Williams for conditional appointment as Special Deputy Assistant State's Attorney in the Office of the Chief State's Attorney, Appellate Bureau. The appointment will be effective upon the Chief State's Attorney certifying to the Commission that the individual selected has successfully completed a background check and that no adverse findings were found in the background check which would call into question the fitness and suitability of the individual selected to serve as a prosecutorial official within the Division. Judge Cradle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chief State's Attorney Griffin moved to approve Daisy Garrett for conditional appointment as Special Deputy Assistant State's Attorney in the Office of the State's Attorney, Judicial District of Windham. The appointment will be effective upon the Chief State's Attorney certifying to the Commission that the individual selected has successfully completed a background check and that no adverse findings were found in the background check which would call into question the fitness and suitability of the individual selected to serve as a prosecutorial official within the Division. Attorney Berke seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Judge Cradle moved to adjourn the meeting. Attorney Murphy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

