

Criminal Justice Commission

Legislative Office Building
Hartford, Connecticut

Minutes of the Meeting of June 20, 2025

The Honorable Andrew J. McDonald, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. In addition to Justice McDonald, participating in the meeting were: Attorneys Robert Berke, Scott Murphy and Moy Ogilvie and Chief State's Attorney Patrick J. Griffin.

Attorney Moy moved to accept the minutes of the June 9, 2025 meeting. Attorney Berke seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Justice McDonald said the Commission was to consider the appointment of the State's Attorney for the Judicial District of Tolland, and a Special Deputy Assistant State's Attorney at the Office of the Chief State's Attorney, Appellate Bureau. Justice McDonald invited the candidates for the position of State's Attorney for the Judicial District of Tolland to give opening statements which were followed by interviews by the Commission. The interviews of Attorneys Anthony Bochicchio, Craig P. Nowak, Elena Palermo and Michael W. Riley ended at 12:52 p.m.

The Commission opened the meeting for public comment at 12:53 p.m. No individuals spoke during the public comment period.

Justice McDonald then asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss the appointment of the State's Attorney for the Tolland Judicial District and Special Deputy Assistant State's Attorney at the Office of the Chief State's Attorney, Appellate Bureau. Attorney Berke moved to enter into executive session and Attorney Murphy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The executive session began at 12:55 p.m.

Justice McDonald called the regular session back to order at 1:43 p.m. and announced that no motions were made and no votes were taken during the executive session.

Attorney Ogilvie moved to appoint Attorney Nowak as State's Attorney for the Judicial District of Tolland for an eight-year term commencing on July 1, 2025. Attorney Berke seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Attorney Murphy moved to approve Connor Reed for conditional appointment as a Special Deputy Assistant State's Attorney at the Office of the Chief State's Attorney, Appellate Bureau. Chief State's Attorney Griffin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The appointment 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 check 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.

Justice McDonald thanked all the candidates for their interest in the position and for participating in the Criminal Justice Commission meeting.

“This is an exceptionally talented slate of individuals,” Justice McDonald said. “We appreciate each and every one of you putting yourself forward for this position, and the state of Connecticut and the Division of Criminal Justice is rightfully proud of each of you for your professional contributions to the people of the state.”

There being no further business, Chief State’s Attorney Griffin moved to adjourn the meeting. Attorney Murphy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.