

Criminal Justice Commission

Via Microsoft Teams

Minutes of the Meeting of November 21, 2025

The Honorable Andrew J. McDonald, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 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.

Attorney Ogilvie moved to accept the minutes of the October 9, 2025 meeting. Judge Cradle seconded the motion and it passed 5-0-1, with Attorney Berke abstaining.

Justice McDonald said the Commission was to interview candidates for two positions of Deputy Assistant State's Attorney in the Office of the Chief State's Attorney, Appellate Bureau, and to review applications for one position of Special Deputy Assistant State's Attorney for the Judicial District of New London at Geographical Area No. 10 and No. 21.

New London Judicial District State's Attorney Paul J. Narducci and Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist Janice duFrend were present to participate in the interviews of candidates.

Attorney Berke moved to enter into executive session to discuss candidates for the positions. Chief State's Attorney Griffin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The executive session began at 9:06 a.m.

The executive session ended at 12:34 p.m. Justice McDonald announced that no motions were made or votes taken during the executive session.

Attorney Murphy moved to approve Lena Arnold and Rebecca Oestrieher for conditional appointments as Deputy Assistant State's Attorneys in the in the Office of the Chief State's Attorney, Appellate Bureau. The appointments will be effective upon the Chief State's Attorney certifying to the Commission that the individuals selected have 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 individuals selected to serve as a prosecutorial official within the Division of Criminal Justice. Attorney Ogilvie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chief State's Attorney Griffin moved to approve William J. Weishaupt for conditional appointment as a Special Deputy Assistant State's Attorney in the Office of the State's Attorney, Judicial District of New London, at Geographical Area No. 10 and No. 21. 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.

There being no further business, Attorney Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting. Judge Cradle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.