

Chief State's Attorney's Meeting

Office of the Chief State's Attorney
Kevin T. Kane Training Center
300 Corporate Place
Rocky Hill, CT

Minutes of the Meeting of June 4, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 1:11 p.m. by Chief State's Attorney Patrick J. Griffin.

Also present: Deputy Chief State's Attorney of Administration, Personnel and John J. Russotto; Deputy Chief State's Attorney of Operations Kevin D. Lawlor; State's Attorneys Margaret E. Kelley (Ansonia/Milford); Joseph T. Corradino (Bridgeport); David Applegate (Danbury); Sharmese L. Walcott (Hartford); David R. Shannon (Litchfield); John P. Doyle, Jr. (New Haven), Paul J. Narducci (New London), Paul J. Ferencek (Stamford/Norwalk), Maureen T. Platt (Waterbury) and Anne F. Mahoney (Windham).

Also present: Executive Assistant State's Attorneys Lisa M. D'Angelo, Kathryn W. Bare and Gail P. Hardy; Supervisory Assistant State's Attorney David Kutzner and Jason Germain; Senior Assistant State's Attorney Timothy J. Sugrue; Manager of Research and Planning Kyle Baudoin; Labor Relations Administrator AnneMarie Paone-Mullin; Chief Inspector Michael Sullivan and Marisa DePhillips, Executive Secretary to the Chief State's Attorney.

Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto moved to accept the minutes of the May 7, 2025 meeting. State's Attorney Applegate seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Regarding budget matters, Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto reported that the Division would be receiving 10 new positions in Fiscal Year 2026 and additional new positions in Fiscal Year 2027. Also, the Division was able to reduce the holdback of budgeted funds by the legislature from \$3 million per fiscal year to \$1.2 million per fiscal year. The reduced holdback will provide more flexibility for the Division to fill critical vacancies, he reported.

Chief State's Attorney Griffin reported that the Criminal Justice Commission would meet on June 9, 2025 to handle the reappointment of the State's Attorney, Judicial District of New London, and the appointment of the State's Attorney, Judicial District of Windham.

In regard to recruitment, Executive Assistant State's Attorney Hardy said the Division held summer intern orientation on May 29, 2025. She reported interns from the Office of the Chief State's Attorney recently sat in on a Cold Case Unit trial and that the interns would soon visit correctional facilities.

Chief State's Attorney Griffin said following the end of the legislative session, Supervisory Assistant State's Attorney Kutzner would provide a written report on legislative matters. Executive Assistant State's Attorney D'Angelo discussed upcoming annual prosecutor training and Division of Scientific Services computer crimes outsource.

In other business, Chief State's Attorney Griffin said the Office of the Chief State's Attorney on June 23 would hold a "Reflections on Leadership" chat in the Kevin T. Kane Training Center with U.S. Army veteran Edward J. Apicella, Sr., father of DCJ Inspector Edward Apicella, marking the 80th anniversary of the end of the Battle of Okinawa.

After a short break, Chief State's Attorney Griffin introduced invited guests from the Connecticut State Police, including Colonel Daniel Loughman, Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Fongemie, Captain Matthew Kane, Lieutenant Haley Russenberger, Sergeant Nicholas Caez, Detective Michael Dargan, Detective Julia Stoner and Michael Bloom, CSP Hate Crimes Initiative Coordinator. The guests discussed the work of the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection's Hate Crimes Investigative Unit of the Connecticut State Police.

Following the presentation, Chief State's Attorney Griffin thanked all invited guests for the discussion.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto and seconded by Deputy Chief State's Attorney Lawlor. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.