

Chief State's Attorney Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of November 6, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 12:43 p.m. by Chief State's Attorney Patrick J. Griffin.

Also present: Deputy Chief State's Attorney of Administration, Personnel and Finance John J. Russotto; Deputy Chief State's Attorney of Operations Kevin D. Lawlor; Deputy Chief State's Attorney, Inspector General Robert J. Devlin, Jr.; State's Attorneys Margaret E. Kelley (Ansonia/Milford), Joseph T. Corradino (Bridgeport); David R. Applegate (Danbury), Sharmese L. Walcott (Hartford), David R. Shannon (Litchfield), Supervisory Assistant State's Attorney Jason Germain (Middlesex); Christian Watson (New Britain), John P. Doyle, Jr. (New Haven), Paul J. Ferencek (Stamford/Norwalk), Matthew C. Gedansky (Tolland), Maureen T. Platt (Waterbury) and Anne F. Mahoney (Windham).

Also present: Executive Assistant State's Attorneys Lisa M. D'Angelo, Supervisory Assistant State's Attorneys David Kutzner; Senior Assistant State's Attorney Timothy J. Sugrue; Manager of Research and Planning Kyle Baudoin; Legislative Liaison Anne Cournoyer, Chief Inspector Michael Sullivan and Marisa DePhillips, Executive Secretary to the Chief State's Attorney.

State's Attorney Kelley moved to accept the minutes of the October 2, 2024 meeting. State's Attorney Mahoney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Regarding budget matters, Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto said the Division is preparing in the event that the Office of Policy and Management requires executive branch agencies to pull back on spending during the second half of the current fiscal year. As a result, only the most mission-critical vacancies will be backfilled. Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto advised that each office needs to plan accordingly.

Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto reported that the next Criminal Justice Commission meeting would be held on November 7, 2024. At that time, prospective Deputy Assistant State's Attorneys will be interviewed to fill vacancies in the Judicial District of Danbury.

In regard to recruitment, Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto reported that Executive Assistant State's Attorney Gail P. Hardy is currently interviewing candidates for internships and fellowships.

Legislative Liaison Cournoyer and Chief State's Attorney Griffin reported on legislative matters saying that the Division is continuing to work on a number of proposals for the next legislative session which begins in January 2025.

Executive Assistant State's Attorney D'Angelo reported on ongoing and upcoming training at the Division, including a school for detectives, a new evidence academy for

police officers across Connecticut and the Division's inaugural Civilian Academy, all held at the Office of the Chief State's Attorney in Rocky Hill. There will be training on prosecuting sexual assault cases in November and training for Inspectors and Deputy Chief State's Attorneys in December.

In other business, the State's Attorneys discussed the dispositions of motor vehicle infractions across Connecticut and welcomed invited guests from the U.S. Attorney's Office – U.S. Attorney Vanessa Roberts Avery, First Assistant U.S. Attorney Marc H. Silverman, chief of the Criminal Division, Assistant U.S. Attorney Jocelyn Kaoutzanis, chief of the Violent Crimes and Narcotics Unit, Assistant U.S. Attorney Nancy V. Gifford, chief of the Major Crimes Unit and Assistant U.S. Attorney Hal Chen, director of Community Engagement. They discussed topics related to state and federal prosecutions and the work of the office's various units.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto and seconded by State's Attorney Ferencek. The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.