

# 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 July 2, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 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 Lisa M. D'Angelo; Deputy Chief State's Attorney, Inspector General Eliot D. Prescott; State's Attorneys Margaret E. Kelley (Ansonia/Milford); Joseph T. Corradino (Bridgeport); David R. Applegate (Danbury); Sharmese L. Walcott (Hartford); David R. Shannon (Litchfield); Michael A. Gailor (Middlesex), Christian M. Watson (New Britain); John P. Doyle, Jr. (New Haven), Paul J. Narducci (New London), Paul J. Ferencek (Stamford/Norwalk), Craig P. Nowak (Tolland); Maureen T. Platt (Waterbury) and John F. Fahey (Windham).

Also present: Executive Assistant State's Attorneys Kathryn W. Bare and Gail P. Hardy; Supervisory Assistant State's Attorney 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 amend the minutes of the June 4, 2025 meeting by striking the words "12:56 p.m." and inserting the words "1:11 p.m." The motion was seconded by State's Attorney Applegate and, after a brief discussion, a motion to approve the June 4, 2025 minutes passed with Deputy Chief State's Attorney, Inspector General Prescott and State's Attorneys Fahey and Nowak abstaining.

Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto led discussion on the budget and the need to fill vacant positions at the Division. He said the next meeting of the Criminal Justice Commission would be in September and that the Division is reaching out to job candidates who have been waiting to be interviewed, encouraging them to stay engaged. Chief State's Attorney Griffin reminded State's Attorneys to discuss starting salaries with job candidates and to discuss with them whether they are prepared to accept positions if offered. The State's Attorneys then discussed telecommuting policies.

Executive Assistant State's Attorney Hardy reported that students were in their fifth week of the Division's summer internship program, with five weeks remaining. Several interns attended criminal trials and court hearings at various courthouses throughout Connecticut and planned to tour correctional facilities and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

Chief State's Attorney Griffin reported that there would be upcoming meetings for discussion about recent updates to the Trust Act and reorganizing case flow for Part A criminal cases.

Regarding legislative matters, Chief State's Attorney Griffin said the Division is studying bail reform in New Mexico and New York in anticipation of possible discussion at the legislature regarding structured approaches to bail reform. State's Attorney Gailor reported that the Sentencing Commission also is studying the issue. Supervisory Assistant State's Attorney Kutzner and Legislative Liaison Cournoyer told State's Attorneys they would be sending a report summarizing the work of the 2025 legislative session in Hartford.

Deputy Chief State's Attorney D'Angelo reported that the Office of the Chief State's Attorney's Camp Justice would be held in Rocky Hill from July 28, 2025 through August 1, 2025, and that the 2025 Detective School would take place at Eastern Connecticut State University from August 4-8, 2025.

Chief State's Attorney Griffin welcomed Executive Assistant State's Attorney Matthew C. Gedansky to the Office of the Chief State's Attorney, saying he is "a very welcome addition" to the office.

Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto and Executive Assistant State's Attorney Hardy reported that the UConn Hate Crimes Research Project would be reviewing more than 700 cases with hate crime charges that occurred between 2012 and 2023.

Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto said new computers may be available by fall.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by State's Attorney Corradino and seconded by State's Attorney Doyle. The meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.