

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 August 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 1:39 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); Sharmese L. Walcott (Hartford); David R. Shannon (Litchfield); Michael A. Gailor (Middlesex), Christian M. Watson (New Britain), 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, Matthew C. Gedansky and Gail P. Hardy; Supervisory Assistant State's Attorneys Vincent Duva, David Kutzner and Adrienne Russo; Senior Assistant State's Attorney Timothy J. Sugrue; Chief Inspector Michael Sullivan and Marisa DePhillips, Executive Secretary to the Chief State's Attorney.

State's Attorney Corradino moved to accept the minutes of the July 2, 2025 meeting. Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Regarding budget matters, Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto expressed his appreciation to the State's Attorneys for their timely submissions of operational needs memos.

Chief State's Attorney Griffin and Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto reported that Deputy Assistant State's Attorney candidates for positions in Waterbury and Hartford would be interviewed at the September Criminal Justice Commission meeting.

Executive Assistant State's Attorney Hardy thanked members of the Division for their assistance with the summer intern program and provided an update on recruitment, saying that several summer interns would be continuing their work at the Division in the fall.

Supervisory Assistant State's Attorney Kutzner reported that work to compile Public Act summaries is ongoing due to the late end of the legislative session. He said the Special Litigation and Legislative Affairs Unit is currently accepting suggestions for next year's legislative session.

Deputy Chief State's Attorney D'Angelo reported that more than 100 law enforcement officials attended the 2025 Detective School at Eastern Connecticut State University during the week August 4-8, and that the training schedule for the rest of the year is being finalized and will include details about the September 16, 2025 John M. Bailey Seminar.

In other business, Executive Assistant State's Attorney Bare informed the State's Attorneys that a draft of updated regulations is now available for review and that Senior Associate Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court Andrew J. McDonald, Chair of the Criminal Justice Commission, has requested that the Division review the updates and provide feedback by the end of the month. Executive Assistant State's Attorney Bare said the Commission is particularly interested in input from the Office of Inspector General, as new provisions have been added to reflect its creation, and that all feedback would be shared directly with Justice McDonald.

Deputy Chief State's Attorney D'Angelo reported on a new process to be implemented regarding Department of Social Services warrants that are currently being routed to the Statewide Prosecution Bureau, which does not investigate the warrants and instead reviews, signs and forwards them to local jurisdictions. A proposal was made to change the process so the warrants would be sent directly to prosecutors in the Geographical Areas for review and prosecution, like any other warrant. Also, Deputy Chief State's Attorney D'Angelo said pending cases involving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program fraud would be reviewed in all jurisdictions to better track statewide activity.

Also in other business, the State's Attorneys discussed meeting with judicial leadership and law enforcement officials to review and improve safety procedures at courthouses throughout the state. State's Attorney Platt reported an uptick in dangerous situations, from violent incidents in the courtrooms to reports of harassment of those working at the Waterbury Judicial District. State's Attorney Platt suggested reinstating state troopers at courthouse entrances and having clearer communication protocols during emergencies.

In additional other business, there was discussion about the state's online ticket review program and the possible expansion of remote hearings for traffic tickets.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto and seconded by State's Attorney Corradino Watson. The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

