

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 October 1, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 12:41 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 Lisa M. D'Angelo; Deputy Chief State's Attorney, Inspector General Eliot D. Prescott; State's Attorneys Margaret E. Kelley (Ansonia/Milford); Sharmese L. Walcott (Hartford); David R. Shannon (Litchfield); Christian Watson, (New Britain); John P. Doyle, Jr. (New Haven), Paul J. Narducci (New London), Paul J. Ferencek (Stamford/Norwalk); Maureen T. Platt (Waterbury) and John F. Fahey (Windham).

Also present: Executive Assistant State's Attorneys Kathryn W. Bare and Matthew C. Gedansky; Supervisory Assistant State's Attorney David Kutzner; Senior Assistant State's Attorney Timothy J. Sugrue; Legislative Liaison Anne Cournoyer; Manager of Research and Planning Kyle Baudoin; 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 September 10, 2025 meeting. State's Attorney Kelley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chief State's Attorney Griffin reported that he, State's Attorney Watson, Executive Assistant State's Attorney Bare and Captain Douglas Sauve of the Connecticut State Police recently met with various criminal justice stakeholders to learn about New Mexico's bail reform.

Regarding budget matters, Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto said the Division is focused on filling vacancies and upgrading job descriptions, with a goal of reducing vacancies to 15 or fewer by February 1 to align with performance review timelines.

Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto said the Criminal Justice Commission at their October meeting will interview Deputy Assistant State's Attorney candidates for the Judicial District of New Haven, Geographical Areas No. 23 and No. 7, and Special Deputy Assistant State's Attorney candidates for the Judicial District of New London, Geographical Area No. 10. The Office of Policy and Management's July 2025 data report is expected to be presented at the November Criminal Justice Commission meeting. At that time, the Division's new automated reporting system will be finalized.

Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto reported that 20 applicants applied for the most recent fellowship program and that applicants will go through two rounds of interviews, with two to three State's Attorneys needed to participate in the final interview round.

Legislative Liaison Cournoyer told the State's Attorneys that the Special Litigation and Legislative Affairs Unit's legislative report is complete and that the next legislative session would begin in February 2025.

Regarding training, Deputy Chief State's Attorney D'Angelo reported that a regional evidence academy open to law enforcement and prosecutors is scheduled for October 27-29, 2025, in Waterbury.

The State's Attorneys discussed the recent deployment of new laptops across the Division that will include the issuance of monitors and docking stations meant to improve mobility and flexibility and help with inventory management and cost savings. Larger officers will have extended rollout time due to size.

Chief State's Attorney Griffin reported that the Office of the Chief State's Attorney is still supporting offices that want help managing infractions though offices may handle infractions independently. Discussion about the handling of infractions included a recent decision to give more prosecutors access to the data system, a separate docket for Commercial Driver's License infractions and whether virtual trials are being used for infractions, including virtual participation by police officers.

The State's Attorneys discussed a new internal procedure for handling citizen complaints, with an emphasis on systematic tracking and follow-up.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto and seconded by State's Attorney Walcott. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

