

Connecticut Hate Crimes Advisory Council
September 17, 2021 – 2:00 pm ET (Virtual)
Minutes

1. Welcome and Call to Order (Hon. Doug Lavine and Amy Lin Meyerson, Co-Chairs)

A meeting of the Connecticut Hate Crimes Advisory Council was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2021. The meeting convened at 2:00 p.m. EDT. Co-Chairs Amy Lin Meyerson and Hon. Douglas Lavine presided, and Attorney Meyerson served as Secretary.

2. Roll Call and Recognitions

Council members present were: Douglas Lavine, Amy Lin Meyerson, Michael Bloom, Corrie Betts, Jason Chang, Rabbi Farbman, Andrew Feinstein, Steven Ginsburg, Erene Hammond, Steven Hernandez, Rathanak Keo, Diana Lombardi, Tamara Lanier, Gary MacNamara, Duane Lovello, Robin McHaelen, John Merz, Fernando Muniz, Aida Monsoor, MD Rahman, Precious Price, Jonathan Slifka, Sharad Samy, Richard Wilson, Richard Colangelo, Jr., Tashun Bowden-Lewis, James Rovella, Cecil Thomas, Makana Ellis, Rashmi Chandra, Michelle Querijero, and Christopher Ferace.

Also in attendance were: John Doyle, Doug Dalena, Brett Salafia, Sofia Rodriguez, Abby Willauer, Devon Fray, Captioner Faith, Hallie Tingstad, Rebecca Oestreicher, Brian Foley, Luke Reynolds, Laura's (unknown participant)

3. Introduction of Council Members

Brief self-introductions by Council members and representatives for the State Attorney and Governor's offices.

4. Review of Council Priorities

- a. Definition of Hate Crime: Connecticut Hate Crime Laws
- b. Connecticut Statute § 51-279f. State-Wide Hate Crimes Advisory Council

Presentations by John "Jack" Doyle, Exec. Asst. State's Attorney, and Assoc. Dean Richard Wilson, UConn School of Law giving an overview of current Hate Crime laws. Discussion followed.

5. Subcommittees

Co-chairs Betts, Chang, and Ginsburg, Community Awareness, Chair Wilson, Hate Crimes Reporting and Analysis, Chair Lavine, Restitution Programs and Sentencing, Chair MacNamara, Law Enforcement Training and Best Practices, and Chair, Samy, Administrative: Funding and Grants discussed the plans for the work of their respective subcommittees.

6. Charge to Council Members

Under Connecticut Statute § 51-279f, the State-Wide Hate Crimes Advisory Council will work to increase community awareness and the reporting of hate crimes, and make recommendations on how we may further protect and provide relief to the victims of hate crimes and how to remedy the damage caused by these crimes.

7. Orientation to Resources and Technology Tools

Meetings will be conducted via Zoom and in person. Resources including presentation slides will be made available to Council members in an online shared folder.

8. Meeting Schedule

A poll will be distributed to Council members to determine the best date and time for regular Council meetings.

9. New Business

None.

10. Other Business

None.

11. Announcements

None.

12. Adjournment

The meeting on September 17, 2021 adjourned at 3:33 p.m. EDT.