

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 May 7, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 12:55 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 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 Shannon (Litchfield); Michael A. Gailor (Middlesex); Christian Watson (New Britain), John P. Doyle, Jr. (New Haven), Paul J. Narducci (New London), 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, Kathryn W. Bare and Gail P. Hardy; Supervisory Assistant State's Attorneys Robert Diaz, David Kutzner and; Senior Assistant State's Attorney Timothy J. Sugrue; Manager of Research and Planning Kyle Baudoin; Marisa DePhillips, Executive Secretary to the Chief State's Attorney; and Intern Madeline Doyle.

Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto moved to accept the minutes of the April 9, 2025 meeting. State's Attorney Mahoney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Regarding budget matters, Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto reported that the Appropriations Committee's proposed budget includes funding for Division of Criminal Justice personnel needed for data entry and for the review of body-worn and dashboard camera footage. Chief State's Attorney Griffin thanked the State's Attorneys for their efforts in increasing data-entry rates, efforts, he said, that show the Division is acting in good faith to be in compliance with Public-Act 19-59 - that requires Connecticut to routinely collect, analyze and report on prosecutor data - in spite of the current shortage of staff needed to input this data.

Chief State's Attorney Griffin reported that the Criminal Justice Commission would meet on May 23, June 9 and 11, 2025 to handle State's Attorney reappointments and the appointments of Deputy Chief State's Attorney for Operations and for the State's Attorney, Judicial District of Windham. Chief State's Attorney Griffin also reported that the Commission on April 29, 2025 appointed the Honorable Eliot D. Prescott as Deputy Chief State's Attorney, Inspector General.

In regard to recruitment, Executive Assistant State's Attorney Hardy said the Division would hold summer intern orientation on May 29, 2025. She said for the first time at the Division, there will be paralegal interns with the assistance of Quinnipiac University. Chief State's Attorney Griffin said the Division is currently seeking potential candidates for the Appellate Bureau to fill shortages in that bureau by the fall.

Supervisory Assistant State's Attorney Kutzner provided a brief legislative update, Executive Assistant State's Attorney D'Angelo updated training matters and Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto briefly discussed recent technology-related matters at the Division.

After a short break, Chief State's Attorney Griffin introduced special guests Robin Schwartz, Assistant Attorney General, and Lisamaria Proscino, Assistant Attorney General, from the Office of the Attorney General who discussed their role in providing legal representation for the state in cases brought before the Claims Commissioner. When they concluded, Chief State's Attorney Griffin thanked Attorneys Schwartz and Proscino for their presentation.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto and seconded by State's Attorney Watson. The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.