



District of Columbia Sentencing Commission

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DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING

February 18, 2020

One Judiciary Square, Suite 430S, Washington, DC 20001

Voting Members in Attendance:

Milton Lee	Frederick Cooke, Jr.
Juliet McKenna	Dave Rosenthal
Danya Dyson	Katerina Semyonova (via phone)
Jeff Nestler for Renata Cooper	Cedric Hendricks
Julie Samuels (via phone)	

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Eric Glover
Diane Strote for Sonya Thompson
Leslie Parson for Robert Contee

Staff in Attendance:

Barbara Tombs-Souvey	Basil Evans	Taylor Tarnalicki
Mia Hebb	Mehmet Ergun	Miatta Sesay

- I. Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.
- II. Introduction of New Commission Member – Informational Item, Judge Lee.

Introduction of New Commission Member: Judge Lee introduced Eric Glover, the new Department of Corrections designee, to Commission members. Mr. Glover briefly shared his professional background and experience with members. The Chair and members welcomed him to the Commission.
- III. The minutes from January 21, 2020 were approved pending any changes submitted to Barbara Tombs-Souvey.
- IV. Overview of Agency Performance Hearing – Informational Items, Barbara Tombs-Souvey, Executive Director and Judge Lee, Chairman.

Overview of Agency Performance Hearing: Judge Lee briefly discussed the Agency Performance Hearing that occurred on February 13, 2020 before the D.C. Council. Judge Lee commended Ms. Tombs-Souvey and the staff for their work in preparation of the Agency Performance Hearing. Ms.

Tombs-Souvey informed the Council of the Commission's key in FY19 activities and highlighted the agency priorities for FY20 that were discussed at the Performance Hearing. Ms. Tombs-Souvey also informed the Commission members that in FY18 and FY19, the agency met all its performance goals and objectives. Judge Lee opened the floor for comments or questions from Commission members. There were some comments and requests for copies of the documents that were presented to the Council at the Performance Hearing.

V. Sentencing Commission Annual Report - Informational Item, Barbara Tombs-Souvey, Executive Director:

Sentencing Commission Annual Report: Ms. Tombs-Souvey informed Commission members of approaching deadlines in regards to the Annual Report schedule:

- March 3, 2020 – Draft of Annual Report Distributed to the Commission Members
- March 16, 2020 – Commission Members Deadline for Feedback and /or Edits

Ms. Tombs-Souvey asked Commission members to forward their feedback by March 16, 2020 so there is sufficient time to incorporate any changes and forward the report to the printers in order to comply with the statutory submission deadline of April 30, 2020.

VI. Title 16 Sentencing Data Follow Up – Taylor Tarnalicki, Research Analyst

Title 16 Sentencing Data Analysis Follow-Up: Ms. Tarnalicki provided additional analysis to follow up on the discussion of Title 16 sentencing trends that took place during the November 2019 Commission meeting. At the November meeting several questions were raised with regard to the high incarceration rates among Juveniles (16-17) compared to Youthful (18-24) and Adult (25+) offenders. Ms. Tarnalicki addressed those questions and provided an overview of the additional supporting data that was presented in the memorandum to the Commission members. Commission members discussed the data presented and requested additional information on Title 16 offenders with a criminal history score of A or B, as well as data on the indicted offense versus the disposition offense for specific Title 16 offense. The floor was opened for comments from the Commission members. There was some discussion and feedback provided by Commission members.

VII. DC Social Media Policy Follow-Up – Action Item, Miatta Sesay-Wood, Outreach Specialist

DC Social Media Policy Follow-Up: Ms. Tombs-Souvey briefly discussed Commission members concerns regarding social media platform at the last Commission meeting. Ms. Tombs-Souvey stated that Ms. Sesay-Wood would present information and examples related to the use of social media. Ms. Sesay-Wood described the Commission's social media platform and provided background information on how to use the social media networking service "Twitter", which will be used to disseminate newsletters, provide useful information and alert the public to upcoming events. Ms. Sesay informed the Commission members that the "Twitter" page will become active on March 13, 2020. There were some comments and questions raised by Commission members.

VIII. Revised Fast Facts-Adult Sex Offenses, Action Item, Taylor Tarnalicki, Research Analyst

Revised Fast Facts-Adult Sex Offenses: Ms. Tarnalicki briefly informed the Commission members of the revised changes of the Fast Facts-Adult Sex Offenses that were suggested at the previous meeting. Ms. Tombs-Souvey stated the next Fast Facts will be a four part series on

Robbery, beginning with Attempted Robbery. The robbery Fast Facts series will be released quarterly.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30pm.

NEXT MEETING:

March 17, 2020

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