



District of Columbia Sentencing Commission

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MINUTES OF VIRTUAL COMMISSION MEETING

October 19, 2021

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

Voting Members in Attendance:

Milton Lee
Katerina Semyonova
Danya Dyson
Cedric Hendricks
Molly Gill
Julie Samuels
Dave Rosenthal

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Diane Strote for Sonya Thompson
Leslie Parsons
Steve Husks
Eric Glover
Kevin Whitfield for Charles Allen

Staff in Attendance:

Taylor Tarnalicki
Mia Hebb
Maeghan Buckley
Brittany Bunch
Basil Evans

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

Review and Approval of the Minutes from the September 21, 2021 – Action Item, Judge Lee. Minutes approved without objection.

Welcome New Staff – Maeghan Buckley, Attorney Advisor - Informational Item, Judge Lee

Judge Lee introduced Maeghan Buckley, Attorney Advisor to the Commission members. Ms. Buckley briefly discussed her educational and professional background within the criminal justice system.

Final Three-Year Comprehensive Outreach and Education Strategy – Presentation Item, Brittany Bunch, Outreach Specialist

Ms. Bunch presented an overview of the Final Three-Year Comprehensive Outreach and Education Strategy, which outlines the Commission’s long-term goals to inform and educate a public of diverse backgrounds within the District of Columbia about the factors impacting

sentencing under the D.C. Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines. Ms. Bunch's presentation addressed the following strategic objectives:

- Develop an educational curriculum related to the Sentencing Guidelines
- Improve upward and downward communication with the general public
- Develop informative materials/publications to highlight the work of the D.C. Sentencing Commission

Ms. Bunch opened the floor for questions or suggestions from the Commission members. A brief discussion followed.

Continued Discussion of the Lapse and Revival Provision – Discussion Item, Judge Lee, Chairman

Continued Discussion of the Lapse and Revival Provision: Judge Lee briefly gave an overview of the of the Guideline's current lapse and revival provision, and then opened the floor so that Commission members could share any thoughts/ideas that they have regarding a potential modification of the current provision. The continued discussion included:

- 10-year window/look back period at the time an individual is released from prison, as opposed to the end of their supervised release
- Technical violations while on supervised release vs. new offense arrest
- The impact of criminal history score on the lookback period

Judge Lee stated that the Lapse and Revival Provision will be discussed further at the next Commission meeting.

Judge Lee informed the Commission members that the next virtual Commission meeting will be November 16, 2021.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:25pm.

NEXT MEETING:
November 16, 2021
Via ZOOM