



District of Columbia Sentencing Commission

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MINUTES OF FULL COMMISSION MEETING

January 5, 2017

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

Voting Members in Attendance:

Frederick Weisberg

William Martin

Laura Hankins

Gregory Jackson

Renata Cooper

Julie Samuels

Molly Gill

Marvin Turner (via phone)

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Chanell Autrey

Michael Anzallo

Staff in Attendance:

Barbara Souvey

Linden Fry

Matthew Graham

Mia Hebb

Miatta Sesay

- I. Chairman Weisberg called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.
- II. The minutes from October 18, 2016 were reviewed, amended and approved.
- III. Discussion of Draft Evaluation Study Findings - Discussion Item, Barbara Tombs-Souvey and Chairman Weisberg.

Draft Evaluation Study Findings: Chairman Weisberg gave a brief overview of the structure and presentation of the materials in the draft Evaluation Study's findings distributed in November 2016. Chairman Weisberg asked the Commission members for feedback or changes regarding the structure of the evaluation study's key findings. There were several comments and recommendations from the Commission members.

- IV. Discussion of Draft Evaluation Study Recommendations - Discussion Item, Barbara Tombs-Souvey and Chairman Weisberg.

Evaluation Study Recommendations: Chairman Weisberg and the Commission members reviewed and discussed the Evaluation Study's Recommendations. This discussion included:

- Data driven recommendations that were developed based on findings identified in the Evaluation Study.
- Recommendations related to possible new sentencing policy recommendations.
- The explanation and formalization of key concepts and language included in the Commission's goals.

- Recommendations related to issues which may impact sentencing practices beyond the Commission's purview and more appropriately addressed by the Council.

Chairman Weisberg asked if any members had feedback regarding the Evaluation Study's recommendations. A member recommended revising the "Recommendations" heading to state "Recommendations for further Research Analysis." This change will be made in the final draft.

V. Preliminary Action on Guideline Evaluation Study – Action Item - Chairman Weisberg

Preliminary Action: Chairman Weisberg discussed how the Commission should finalize of the Evaluation Study and transmit it to the Council. Written feedback, comments or proposed changes from members are due the staff by January 13, 2017. Barbara Tombs-Souvey stated that any changes will be incorporated into the final draft and will be distributed to the Commission members by January 31, 2017 for review. Ms. Tombs-Souvey stated that the Commission will vote on Guideline Evaluation Report at the next Commission meeting held on February 7, 2017.

VI. Schedule Next Meeting – Informational Item - Chairman Weisberg

Next Schedule Meeting: Chairman Weisberg stated that the next Commission meeting will be held on February 7, 2017.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:
February 7, 2017
One Judiciary Square (441 4th St., NW), Room 430S.