



District of Columbia Sentencing and Criminal Code Revision Commission

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MINUTES OF FULL COMMISSION MEETING

November 13, 2012
One Judiciary Square, Suite 430S
Washington, DC

Members in Attendance:

Frederick Weisberg
Barbara Tombs-Souvey
Cedric Hendricks
Laura Hankins
Michele Roberts
Harold Cushenberry
Stephen Husk
Molly Gill

Ramsey Johnson
Donald Braman
Julie Samuels
Michael Anzallo
Dave Rosenthal
Anne Seymour
Earl Silbert
Paul Butler

Mia Hebb
Linden Fry
Ariel Lacey
Thurman Sanders
Richard Schmechel

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Weisberg at 5:00 p.m.
- II. The minutes from the September 13, 2012, meeting were reviewed and approved.
- III. RFP Results for the Development of New Data System:
Informational Item, Barbara Tombs-Souvey and Gerry Roth

RFP Results for the Development of New Data System: Barbara Tombs-Souvey briefly discussed the development of the RFP process and the proposal selection method for the New Data System. Gerry Roth gave an overview of the technical and cost scoring evaluation procedure associated with each proposal.

Mr. Roth discussed the four key points under the development features: Strong performance gates drive development life cycle, System Planning Requirements, Test Plan and the Development Team's experience with JUSTIS and IJIS 12.1 developments. Mr. Roth stated that the pre-proposal is completed and the RFP Proposal has been evaluated and the contract award is still on target for December 18, 2012. Mr. Roth also discussed the organizational chart of the data system project and expressed a need to form an Executive Review Board comprised of commission members to assist

and oversee with the development of the new data system. Ms. Souvey stated that the executive review board will only meet every six to eight weeks and she feels that it will be beneficial to have commission members involved by sharing their experiences and knowledge related to a project of this nature. Mr. Roth then provided an overview of the Commission's Consolidated Master Schedule from start to finish.

IV. Criminal Code Reform Project Update:
Informational Item, Richard Schmechel

Introduction: Richard Schmechel introduced himself to the Commission and discussed his prior employment history and criminal justice experience. Mr. Schmechel stated that he was excited to be a part of the project and looks forward to role in the code revision process.

Committee Meeting: Mr. Schmechel stated that he envisions the Criminal Code Revision Committee will meet twice monthly during 2013. He then recapped the discussion from the initial committee meeting that included general provisions, penal code reforms, state laws and definition of mental states.

Staffing Recruitment Plan: Mr. Schmechel discussed the filling the two vacant Attorney Advisor and two vacant Paralegal/Law Clerk positions to complete the staffing for the Criminal Code Revision Project. Mr. Schmechel asked the Commission for assistance in identifying and forwarding any qualified candidates that may be appropriate to fill the vacant positions. Judge Weisberg stated that he was delighted to have Richard Schmechel aboard so the Commission can move forward on the Criminal Code Revision Project as mandated by the Council.

V. Appointment and Re-appointment of Commission Members:
Informational Item, Judge Weisberg

New Appointments: Paul Butler and Molly Gill: Judge Weisberg welcomed newly appointed members Paul Butler and Molly Gill to the Commission members.

Paul Butler introduced himself and stated that he is currently a professor at Georgetown University Law Center, teaching criminal law and procedure in addition to courses on race and gender in criminal law. Mr. Butler gave an overview of his professional experience and discussed his written articles topics. Mr. Butler stated that he was honored to join the Commission.

Molly Gill introduced herself to the Commission and stated that she is currently employed at Families Against Mandatory Minimums. Ms. Gill gave a brief overview of her professional experience and discussed her interests in sentencing guidelines. Ms. Gill stated that she is grateful to be a part of the Commission.

Judge Weisberg thanked both Mr. Butler and Ms. Gill for joining the Commission.

Re-Appointment of Commission Members: Judge Weisberg announced the re-appointment of Ronald Gainer and Donald Braman and welcomed them back to the Commission. He thanked them both for their previous years of service and looks forward to their contribution to the Criminal Code Revision Project.

Adjourn: 6:30 pm

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, December 18, 2012, One Judiciary Square (441 4th St., NW), Room 430S.