



# District of Columbia Sentencing and Criminal Code Revision Commission

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## FULL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2012  
One Judiciary Square, Room 1117  
Washington, DC

### Attendance:

Frederick Weisberg  
Barbara Tombs-Souvey  
Donald Braman  
Laura Hankins  
Patricia Riley  
Renata Kendrick Cooper

David Rosenthal  
Julie E. Samuels  
Ramsey Johnson  
Stephen Husk  
Thurman Sanders  
Linden A. Fry

Anu Shrestha  
Mia Hebb  
Michelle Lease

- I. Call to order by Chairman Weisberg at 5:00 p.m.
- II. Minutes from the March 27, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- III. Director's Report – Informational Item, Barbara Tombs-Souvey

**Summer Interns:** Barbara Tombs-Souvey announced that the agency secured two summer intern law clerks to assist the Commission and the Criminal Code Revision Project. She introduced Michelle Lease to the Commission. Ms. Lease completed her undergraduate studies at George Mason University and is currently a first year law student at Catholic University. Ms. Souvey also stated that Vanna Milligan would join the Commission next week. Ms. Milligan has a Master's Degree in International Studies from American University and is currently a second year law student at Catholic University.

**Capital Budget Increase:** Barbara Tombs-Souvey informed the Commission of the Mayor's approval of an additional \$150,000 for the Commission's 2013 capital budget request.

**IJIS 12.1 Project Update:** Barbara Tombs-Souvey stated that the agency hired an Office of the Chief Technology Officer contractor to assist with the development of the

IJIS 12.1 data system project's Request for Production and Statement of Work. Additionally, Ms. Souvey stated that she spoke with the Pretrial Services Agency (PSA) and they may be willing to share information regarding the development and structure of their IJIS 12.1 compatible database. If shared, this would save the Commission time and resources. Ms. Souvey indicated that she and Linden Fry are in ongoing discussions with PSA.

***FY 2013 Council Budget Recommendations:*** Barbara Tombs-Souvey announced that the Council approved four additional full-time positions to work on the Criminal Code Revision Project. This includes making the project director position full-time with benefits. The Criminal Code Revision Project staff will now include a project director, two staff attorneys and two paralegals. Ms. Souvey stated that the project director position is still vacant and suggested modifying the description of the position to grab the attention of qualified potential candidates.

**IV.** Proposed Revision for 2012 Sentencing Guidelines Manual- Action Item, Linden A. Fry.

***Proposed Revision for 2012 Sentencing Guidelines Manual:*** Linden Fry gave an overview of the proposed revisions to the 2012 Sentencing Guidelines Manual. He stated that questions, inquiries, and feedback received by the Commission over the past year were the basis for most of the changes. The proposed changes fell into three categories: Mandatory Technical Changes, Discretionary Technical Changes and Policy Amendments. The Ranking Committee had previously discussed, modified, and agreed to forward the proposed changes on to the full Commission. Mr. Fry explained that the biggest policy change contained in the 2012 Manual was the addition of section 3.8, which specifies that the Guidelines apply to felony sentences following the revocation of a defendant's probation or suspended sentence. Commission members requested several minor changes to the proposed Manual. The Commission will vote to approve the 2012 Manual via email.

Adjourn: 6:45 pm

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, June 12, 2012, One Judiciary Square (441 4<sup>th</sup> St., NW), 11<sup>th</sup> Floor.