

## **Criminal Justice Commission**

Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, Connecticut

Minutes of the Meeting of April 29, 2025

The Honorable Andrew J. McDonald, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. In addition to Justice McDonald, participating in the meeting were: Chief Judge of the Appellate Court Melanie L. Cradle, Attorneys Robert Berke, Scott Murphy and Moy Ogilvie and Chief State's Attorney Patrick J. Griffin.

Attorney Ogilvie moved to accept the minutes of the April 10, 2025 meeting. Chief Judge Cradle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Justice McDonald explained the process for interviewing candidates for Deputy Chief State's Attorney, Inspector General. By law, the Chief State's Attorney does not participate in the interviews or selection of Deputy Chief State's Attorneys. The candidates were sequestered and not allowed to view the proceedings prior to their interview. The Commission interviewed Leonard M. Crone and Eliot D. Prescott before recessing for a short break at 11:03 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:16 a.m. and the Commission interviewed Kevin A. Randolph. The Commission recessed for lunch at 12:12 p.m. The Commission resumed the meeting at 1:04 p.m. and interviewed Kevin S. Russo and Herman Woodard, Jr. The interviews ended at 3:05 p.m.

The Commission opened the meeting for public comment at 3:06 p.m. Two individuals spoke during the public comment period, which ended at 3:15 p.m.

Chief Judge Cradle moved to enter executive session to discuss the appointment of the Deputy Chief State's Attorney, Inspector General. Attorney Ogilvie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The executive session began at 3:15 p.m.

Justice McDonald called the regular session back to order at 4:31 p.m. and announced that no motions were made and no votes were taken during the executive session.

Justice McDonald moved to appoint Eliot D. Prescott as Deputy Chief State's Attorney, Inspector General, for a four-year term commencing on July 1, 2025. Attorney Murphy seconded the motion and it passed, with four members of the Commission in favor and one member opposed. Commissioner Berke voted in the negative.

Chief State's Attorney Griffin moved to approve Sabrina Arnold for conditional appointment as a Special Deputy Assistant State's Attorney in the Office of the State's Attorney, Judicial District of Tolland. The appointment will be effective upon the Chief State's Attorney certifying to the Commission that the individual selected has successfully completed background checks and that no adverse findings were found in the background checks which would call into question the fitness and suitability of the individual selected

to serve as a prosecutorial official within the Division of Criminal Justice. Chief Judge Cradle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chief State's Attorney Griffin moved to approve Robert J. Scheinblum for conditional reappointment as an Assistant State's Attorney in the Appellate Bureau. The reappointment will be effective upon the Chief State's Attorney certifying to the Commission that the individual selected has successfully completed background checks and that no adverse findings were found in the background checks which would call into question the fitness and suitability of the individual selected to serve as a prosecutorial official within the Division of Criminal Justice. Attorney Ogilvie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Justice McDonald thanked all the candidates and members of the public for their participation in the Criminal Justice Commission meeting.

There being no further business, Chief Judge Cradle moved to adjourn. Attorney Murphy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.