

Criminal Justice Commission

Legislative Office Building
Hartford, Connecticut

Minutes of the Meeting of May 23, 2025

The Honorable Andrew J. McDonald, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 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 Chief State's Attorney Patrick J. Griffin.

Chief Judge Cradle moved to accept the minutes of the April 29, 2025 meeting. Attorney Murphy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Justice McDonald explained the process for interviewing candidates for Deputy Chief State's Attorney for Operations. 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 Attorney Lisa M. D'Angelo and Attorney Emily D. Trudeau for consideration of Deputy Chief State's Attorney for Operations before recessing for a short break at 10:40 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:59 a.m. and the Commission interviewed State's Attorney Joseph T. Corradino, Judicial District of Bridgeport, for consideration of reappointment. The Commission recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m. The Commission resumed the meeting at 12:38 p.m. and interviewed State's Attorney John P. Doyle, Jr., Judicial District of New Haven, and State's Attorney David R. Shannon, Judicial District of Litchfield until 2:14 p.m. The Commission then opened the meeting for public comment. No individuals spoke during the public comment period.

Chief Judge Cradle moved to enter executive session to discuss the appointment of the Deputy Chief State's Attorney for Operations and reappointments of State's Attorney Joseph T. Corradino, Judicial District of Bridgeport, State's Attorney John P. Doyle, Jr., Judicial District of New Haven, and State's Attorney David R. Shannon, Judicial District of Litchfield. Attorney Berke seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The executive session began at 2:15 p.m.

Justice McDonald called the regular session back to order at 2:25 p.m. and announced that no motions were made and no votes were taken during the executive session.

Attorney Murphy moved to appoint Attorney Lisa M. D'Angelo as Deputy Chief State's Attorney for Operations for a four-year term commencing on July 1, 2025. Chief Judge Cradle seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Chief State's Attorney Griffin moved to reappoint Joseph T. Corradino as State's Attorney, Judicial District of Bridgeport. Chief Judge Cradle seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Chief State's Attorney Griffin moved to reappoint John P. Doyle, Jr. as State's Attorney, Judicial District of New Haven. Chief Judge Cradle seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Attorney Berke moved to reappoint David R. Shannon as State's Attorney, Judicial District of Litchfield. Chief Judge Cradle seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

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

Justice McDonald then asked for a motion to open the meeting agenda to add the consideration of the appointment of six Special Deputy Assistant State's Attorney candidates. Chief Judge Cradle moved to open the agenda and Attorney Berke seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

Attorney Berke moved to approve the six Special Deputy Assistant State's Attorney candidates for conditional appointments. The appointments will be effective upon the Chief State's Attorney certifying to the Commission that the individuals selected have 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 individuals selected to serve as prosecutorial officials within the Division of Criminal Justice. Chief Judge Cradle seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

There being no further business, Attorney Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting. Chief Judge Cradle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.