

Criminal Justice Commission

Legislative Office Building
Hartford, Connecticut

Minutes of the Meeting of June 9, 2025

The Honorable Andrew J. McDonald, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. In addition to Justice McDonald, participating in the meeting were: Attorneys Robert Berke, Scott Murphy and Moy Ogilvie and Chief State's Attorney Patrick J. Griffin.

Attorney Berke moved to accept the minutes of the May 23, 2025 meeting. Attorney Murphy seconded the motion, and it passed 4-1, with Attorney Ogilvie abstaining.

Justice McDonald said the Commission was to consider the reappointment of the State's Attorney for the Judicial District of New London. He invited Attorney Paul J. Narducci to make opening remarks. After brief opening remarks, the Commission interviewed Attorney Narducci. The interview ended at 10:15 a.m.

After a short break, the Commission resumed the meeting at 10:34 a.m. to consider the appointment of State's Attorney for the Judicial District of Windham. The Commission interviewed Attorneys John F. Fahey and Jacqueline P. McMahon before recessing for lunch at 12:03 p.m. The Commission resumed the meeting at 12:53 p.m. and interviewed Attorneys Craig P. Nowak and Andrew J. Slitt. The interviews ended at 2:45 p.m.

The Commission opened the meeting for public comment at 2:45 p.m. No individuals spoke during the public comment period.

Justice McDonald then asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss the reappointment of the State's Attorney for the Judicial District of New London, the appointment of the State's Attorney for the Windham Judicial District and the appointments of six Fellows and Special Deputy Assistant State's Attorney candidates. He noted that the Commission at the May 23, 2025 meeting took action regarding the six Fellows and Special Deputy Assistant State's Attorney candidates but to ensure technical compliance with notice regarding special meetings, that action would be repeated at the June 9, 2025 meeting. Attorney Ogilvie moved to enter into executive session and Chief State's Attorney Griffin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The executive session began at 2:46 p.m.

Justice McDonald called the regular session back to order at 3:13 p.m. and announced that no motions were made and no votes were taken during the executive session.

Attorney Berke moved to reappoint Attorney Narducci as State's Attorney for the Judicial District of New London, for an eight-year term commencing on July 1, 2025. Attorney Ogilvie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Attorney Ogilvie moved to appoint Attorney Fahey as State's Attorney for the Judicial District of Windham for an eight-year term commencing on July 1, 2025. Attorney Murphy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Attorney Murphy moved to approve six Fellows and Special Deputy Assistant State's Attorney candidates - Milo Cortese, Charles Shaw, Rajan Doering, Kevin Gaidos, Minchailou Kanoute and Bharbara Rocha - 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. Attorney Berke 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, Attorney Berke moved to adjourn the meeting. Attorney Ogilvie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.