

# Chief State's Attorney's Meeting

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## Minutes of the Meeting of March 5, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 1:47 p.m. by Chief State's Attorney Patrick J. Griffin.

Also present: Deputy Chief State's Attorney of Administration, Personnel and Finance John J. Russotto; Deputy Chief State's Attorney of Operations Kevin D. Lawlor; Deputy Chief State's Attorney, Inspector General Robert J. Devlin, Jr.; State's Attorneys Margaret E. Kelley (Ansonia/Milford); Joseph T. Corradino (Bridgeport); David R. Applegate (Danbury), Sharmese L. Walcott (Hartford); Michael A. Gailor (Middlesex); Christian Watson (New Britain), John P. Doyle, Jr. (New Haven), Paul J. Narducci (New London), Paul J. Ferencek (Stamford/Norwalk), Matthew C. Gedansky (Tolland), Maureen T. Platt (Waterbury) and Anne F. Mahoney (Windham).

Also present: Executive Assistant State's Attorneys Kathryn W. Bare and Gail P. Hardy; Supervisory Assistant State's Attorneys David Kutzner, Stacey M. Miranda and Karen Roberg; Senior Assistant State's Attorney Timothy J. Sugrue; Manager of Research and Planning Kyle Baudoin; Director of Information Technology Naveen Prathikantam; Legislative Liaison Anne Cournoyer; Marisa DePhillips, Executive Secretary to the Chief State's Attorney; and Intern Madeline Doyle.

State's Attorney Mahoney moved to accept the amended minutes of the February 5, 2025 meeting. Deputy Chief State's Attorney Lawlor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Regarding budget matters, Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto reported that there have been ongoing meetings with members of the Appropriations Committee regarding the Division's budget requests, including a request for additional personnel for data entry and for the review of body-worn and dashboard camera footage.

Chief State's Attorney Griffin told the State's Attorneys that he has reiterated with members of the Appropriations Committee that Connecticut General Statutes § 29-6d mandating the use of body-worn and dashboard cameras for police means that the Division will likely have to review about 165,000 hours annually of video footage tied to pending criminal cases. Chief State's Attorney Griffin said there is agreement among the State's Attorneys that prosecutors have constitutional, practice book and statutory obligations to review that material. Chief State's Attorney Griffin also said he told members of the Appropriations and Judiciary committees that the Division has shown good faith in complying with Public Act 19-59 in its efforts to improve data entry rates regarding three

data points that the Division is responsible for entering into the Case Management System. Chief State's Attorney Griffin commended State's Attorneys, saying they have "moved mountains" to raise data entry rates from 16 percent in 2021 to the current rate of 88 percent. Chief State's Attorney Griffin said he told the committee chairs that the Division is at risk of meeting statutory obligations next year under P.A. 19-59 if the state does not provide additional funding for data entry personnel for the Division.

Chief State's Attorney Griffin said the Criminal Justice Commission planned to meet in executive session during its March 7, 2025 meeting to discuss interviews for prospective Deputy Chief State's Attorney, Inspector General candidates. The Commission is also discussing scheduling upcoming hearings for State's Attorney reappointments. Chief State's Attorney Griffin said the Division is preparing its own data fact sheets for the Division and for each judicial district in anticipation of those hearings. He said the data sheets would eventually be posted on the Division's website.

Executive Assistant State's Attorney Hardy provided an update on the Division's review of applicants for summer internships.

Legislative Liaison Cournoyer said two proposed bills drafted by the Division – An Act Concerning Dissemination of Information in DNA Data Bank and An Act Concerning Sexual Assault Kit Labelling and Storage – would likely be included in an omnibus crime bill.

Director of Information Technology Prathikantam provided the State's Attorneys with an update on several matters including the implementation of the Connecticut Information Sharing System (CISS), the state-wide criminal justice information technology system that makes it possible to share offender information within the state's criminal justice community, updating the Division's Westlaw subscription that includes the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and training for the Axon system.

Director of Information Technology Prathikantam and Manager of Research and Planning Baudoin also discussed the creation of a research and planning section on the Division's internal website and aspects of eProsecutor.

In other business, State's Attorney Kelley and State's Attorney Doyle discussed police departments' new use of AI in the transcription of body-worn camera video for police reports. Chief State's Attorney Griffin recommended that the Division's Technology Committee examine the issue. State's Attorney Watson discussed a new procedure statewide for the application of arrest warrants for low-level bonds.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto and seconded by State's Attorney Watson. The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

