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Chief State's Attorney's Meeting

Office of the Chief State's Attorney
Kevin T. Kane Training Center
300 Corporate Place
Rocky Hill, CT

Minutes of the Meeting of April 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 1:18 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; State's Attorneys Margaret E. Kelley (Ansonia/Milford); David R. Applegate (Danbury), Sharmese L. Walcott (Hartford); David Shannon (Litchfield); 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 Lisa M. D'Angelo and Gail P. Hardy; Supervisory Assistant State's Attorneys David Kutzner, Stacey M. Miranda and Andrew Slitt; Manager of Research and Planning Kyle Baudoin; Director of Information Technology Naveen Prathikantam; Legislative Liaison Anne Cournoyer; Chief Inspector Michael Sullivan; Marisa DePhillips, Executive Secretary to the Chief State's Attorney; and Intern Madeline Doyle.

State's Attorney Watson moved to accept the minutes of the March 5, 2025 meeting. State's Attorney Kelley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Regarding budget matters, Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto reported that in a recent meeting with the Office of Policy and Management (OPM), he reiterated the Division's request for funding for additional personnel needed for data entry and for the review of body-worn and dashboard camera footage. In their continued push for funding for personnel, Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto said he and Chief State's Attorney Griffin planned to meet with the secretary of OPM to discuss the holdback and its impact on the Division.

Chief State's Attorney Griffin said at the April 10, 2025 Criminal Justice Commission Meeting, OPM would hold a presentation on the 2024 Prosecutor Data Report in compliance with Public-Act 19-59 that requires Connecticut to routinely collect, analyze and report on prosecutor data. He noted that this year's analysis of 2023 data marked the first time since the law was passed in 2019 that OPM analyzed data provided exclusively

to OPM through the Division and its eProsecutor digital case management system. He said he and Manager of Research and Planning Kyle Baudoin would also discuss the Division's public launch of prosecutorial data reports on the Division's website, a yearlong effort by the Division to make prosecutorial data that pertains to the daily operations in Connecticut's 13 judicial districts available to the public. He said the reports, initially to be published as PDF files, will eventually be accessible through a real-time, automatically updated dashboard on the website. The data will be used for analysis that will assist in identifying criminal justice trends, help inform the development and refinement of Division policies and procedures and ensure the proper allocation of resources. The State's Attorneys gave a round of applause to Manager of Research and Planning Baudoin for his work on the data reports.

Regarding recruitment, Executive Assistant State's Attorney Hardy said the Division this summer will have 32 certified legal interns assigned to 11 different Judicial Districts, the Conviction Integrity Unit, and the Civil Litigation and Appellate bureaus. Thirteen of the interns are from the University of Connecticut School of Law, 10 are from the Quinnipiac University School of Law and the remaining are Connecticut residents attending law schools at the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra in New York, the George Washington University Law School in Washington D.C., Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law in Dallas, Suffolk University Law School in Boston, the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University in New York, the University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law, the University of Virginia School of Law and Western New England University School of Law in Massachusetts. Twenty-two of the interns are female and 10 are male, nine are previous interns and one has volunteered previously at the Division. Executive Assistant State's Attorney Hardy said the interns were recruited through campus recruitment and career fairs. The internship will begin June 2 and end on August 1.

Legislative Liaison Cournoyer said public hearings for the Judiciary Committee have ended. Two of the Division's legislative proposals - An Act Concerning Dissemination of Information in DNA Data Bank and An Act Concerning Sexual Assault Kit Labelling and Storage – made it out of committee.

Director of Information Technology Prathikantam and Manager of Research and Planning Baudoin provided updates on technology-related matters at the Division, including the Division's LinkedIn page, the Connecticut Information Sharing System (CISS), the Axon system and the use of Draft One, the Case Management System (CMS) and the Division's Westlaw subscription that includes the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto and seconded by State's Attorney Mahoney. The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.