

OHIO CRIMINAL SENTENCING COMMISSION & ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Full Commission Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nick Selvaggio, Vice-Chair, Common Pleas Court Judge
Chrystal Alexander, Victim Representative
Lara Baker-Morrish, Columbus City Attorney's Office
Paula Brown, Attorney
Ronald Burkitt, Police Officer
Carl DiFranco, Municipal Court Judge
Gary Dumm, Municipal Court Judge
Kathleen Hamm, Public Defender
Kevin Miller, State Highway Patrol
Aaron Montz, Mayor
Gary Mohr, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
Harvey Reed, Department of Youth Services
State Representative Jeffrey Rezabek
Kenneth Spanagel, Municipal Court Judge
Larry Sims, Sheriff
State Senator Cecil Thomas
Tim Young, State Public Defender

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Jill Beeler, Ohio Public Defender's Office
Kari Bloom, Ohio Public Defender's Office
Lori Criss, The Ohio Council
Beth Cwalina, Ohio Chief Probation Officer's Association
Paul Dobson, County Prosecutor
Steve Gray, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
James Lawrence, Ohio Community Corrections Association
Brian Martin, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
Cynthia Mausser, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
Paul Pfeifer, Ohio Judicial Conference
Dave Picken, Ohio Attorney General's Office
Keith Spaeth, OJACC – Common Pleas Court Judge
Julie Spohn, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Cary Williams, CORJUS

CALL TO ORDER

The May 18, 2017 meeting of the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission and its Advisory Committee was called to order by Vice-Chair Selvaggio. Vice-Chair Selvaggio then proceeded with roll call of members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 15, 2016

The minutes of the March 16, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

AGENCY BUDGETS DISCUSSION

Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services:

Director Plouck discussed the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services budget priorities, funding recommendations and the agency 'all fund' approach for the biennium. Handouts provided.

State of Ohio Public Defender:

Tim Young shared the budget submission, provided details on indigent defense spending and consequences of inadequate funding for the same. Handouts provided.

Ohio Department of Youth Services:

Director Reed provided an overview of the agency budget and the potential impact of reduced funding. He stressed that the agency priority is community programming and the preservation of RECLAIM dollars.

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction:

Director Mohr advised the group the current status of the agency budget is 'indeterminate'. He outlined the budget initiative targeting low level felony offenders, indicating that refinement of the proposal beyond that introduced in the executive version will diminish the total number of offenders diverted from prison (the original estimate was 3,400 offender diversions, changes in the House version reduce that number to approximately 1,200). He stated community dollars are in jeopardy due to the budget uncertainty.

BAIL AND PRE-TRIAL SERVICES REFORM

The Commission will formally vote on the recommendations at the June 15, 2017 meeting. Public comment concluded on May 15, 2017 and members were given a summary of the comments received.

UPDATES FOR THE COMMISSION

Sara introduced Lisa Hickman, Phd – Research Specialist for the Commission and Michael Callahan, an intern from the University of Dayton Civic Scholar Program. Sara also mentioned the meeting materials include an overview of felony classification pre and post SB2 as well as the Commission publication, *A National Perspective: 50 State Low Level Felony Sentencing Summary*.

With no other business from the members, Vice-Chair Selvaggio adjourned the meeting.

2017 Full Commission Meeting Dates:

Thursday, June 15, room 101

Thursday, September 21, room 101

Thursday, December 14, Riffe Center – 31st floor