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**OHIO CRIMINAL SENTENCING COMMISSION– MEETING VIA ZOOM
FULL COMMISSION MEETING NOTES
June 24, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nick Selvaggio, Vice-Chair, Common Pleas Court Judge
Lara Baker-Morrish, City of Columbus
Paula Brown, Ohio State Bar Association
Brooke Burns, Attorney, Juvenile – Office of the Public Defender
Beth Cappelli, Municipal Court Judge
Annette Chambers-Smith (Joe Gruber), Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
Charles Chandler (Brian Stewart), Peace Officer
Robert DeLamatre, Juvenile Court Judge
Robert Fragale, Domestic Court Judge
Sean Gallagher, Appeals Court Judge
Ryan Gies, Department of Youth Services
Terri Jamison, Juvenile Court Judge
Robert Krapenc, Criminal Defense Attorney
Nathan Manning, State Senator
Jennifer Muench-McElfresh, Common Pleas Court Judge
Chip McConville, County Prosecuting Attorney
Stephen McIntosh, Common Pleas Court Judge
David Painter, County Commissioner
Elizabeth Poprocki, Crime Victims Representative
Larry Sims, Sheriff
Kenneth Spanagel, Municipal Court Judge
Brandon Stanley, Chief of Police
Cecil Thomas, State Senator
Tim Young, Ohio Public Defender

GUESTS PRESENT

Dennis Hirsch, Professor – Program on Data and Governance at the Moritz College of Law, Ohio State University
Gene Zmuda, Appeals Court Judge
Hazem Said, University of Cincinnati

STAFF PRESENT

Sara Andrews, Director
Nikole Hotchkiss, Research Specialist
Todd Ives, Researcher
Scott Shumaker, Criminal Justice Counsel



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CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Vice-Chair Selvaggio called the meeting to order. The roll call of attendees was taken from the webinar participant list.

MEETING NOTES APPROVAL

Judge Selvaggio then referred members to the March 18, 2021 meeting notes, which were approved without objection after a motion by Judge Fragale, seconded by Judge Cappelli.

ALIGNING ALGORITHMIC RISK ASSESSMENTS PROJECT WITH CRIMINAL JUSTICE VALUES

Discussion led by Professor Dennis Hirsch, Program on Data and Governance at the Moritz College of Law, Ohio State University. The Commission is jointly funding the project with Ohio State Bar Foundation. Professor Hirsch reviewed benefits and controversies on the use of algorithmic risk assessment and the Research Question: How to align Ohio's use of algorithmic risk assessments with its criminal justice values?

The goal is to assist Ohio with being proactive with its use of risk assessments and aligning with its values and to study best practice, current practice, engage stakeholders, analyze information, present to Ohio Sentencing Data Platform Governance Board and the Commission. Research is beginning in July 2021 with a plan to have a complete report to the Commission by May 2022.

Questions from Professor Hirsch to Commission:

What would you most like to learn from this study? What would be most useful?

How can we best get the participation of Ohio judges?

Which stakeholders? How best to engage them?

Any other questions we should be asking?

How can this study be most impactful?

SB201 AND HB166—CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Judge Gallagher presented on the Reagan Tokes Law currently with respect to appellate law and challenges (27 months into the law) – see powerpoint presentation.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND PERSPECTIVE

Senator Thomas and Senator Manning discussed some of the criminal justice related provisions in the budget including TCAP. Senator Manning also discussed bills pending in the Senate Judiciary Committee including bail reform, abolishing the death penalty, SB 90 (strangulation).



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HB1 IMPLEMENTATION WORKGROUP UPDATE

Lara Baker-Morrish provided an overview of the workgroup progress. Niki gave update on collection of record sealing and probate treatment commitment and Todd gave update on collection of ILC and community control and technical violation data. The first report is due December 31, 2021.

OHIO SENTENCING DATA PLATFORM PROJECT UPDATE AND OSDP WEBSITE

Judge Zmuda noted the new website: ohiosentencingdata.info and that the “Join the project” page includes all versions of the forms (USE, Method of Conviction, etc.). The website also includes the map of participation – currently, 17 counties have been visited.

Dr. Hazem Said gave update based on project roadmap and noted that the first phase exceeded expectations and the “launch” phase begins on July 1, 2021. From here forward the phases of the project will correspond with fiscal year(s) and the a portion of the increased budget of the commission office will go towards supporting the expansion of the data platform.

CRIMINAL SENTENCING COMMISSION UPDATES

Sara Andrews updated the Commission on the finalization of the budget for the upcoming biennium, and the addition of two new staff positions – a second criminal justice counsel position as well as an assistant director position. Commission staff continue to work remotely.