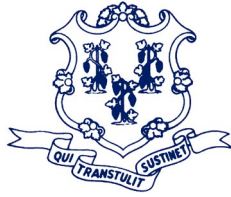


The Connecticut General Assembly



Domestic Violence Criminal Justice Response and Enhancement Advisory Council

MINUTES

February 26, 2026

12:30PM in **Room 2B** of the LOB and Zoom and YouTube Live

ATTENDANCE: Meghan Scanlon, Senator Mae Flexer, Joe DiTunno, Danielle Sanquedolce, Valina Carpenter, Atty. Phyllis DiCara, Nancy Turner, Chief Alaric Fox, Atty. Gail Hardy, Judge Kevin Doyle, Andrea O'Connor, Merit Lajoie, Ginger Wilk, Atty. Nancy Tyler, Atty. Johanna Canning, Capt. Heather Pardi, Eulalia Garcia, Capt. Ryan Maynard, Marc Pelka

Subcommittee members: Atty. Sarah Steere, Shauna Harrington, Gary Wallace

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Chairwoman Scanlon called the meeting to order at 12:32pm.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

- a. Chairwoman Scanlon offered welcoming remarks and Council members introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

- a. A motion was made to approve the December 17, 2025 meeting minutes by Chairwoman Flexer and seconded by Judge Doyle. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a. POLICE RESPONSE TO CRIMES OF FAMILY VIOLENCE

- i. Chief Fox has begun working on draft language regarding the GPS alert notification program for the statewide model policy. The draft language will be presented to the subcommittee at a future meeting for its consideration.

b. COURT-BASED ISSUES

- i. Atty Steere reported that the group has met and continue to discuss the criteria relative to the Supervised Diversionary Program. They are gathering some additional program statistics and working to come to consensus on how the issue should be addressed.

V. FIREARMS SEIZURE & COMPLIANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE

- a. Ms. Harrington reported that the working group met twice in February and will meet monthly moving forward. They plan to get recommendations to the subcommittees by the summer.
- b. Issues discussed include:
 - i. Reviewing the Firearm Ammunition and Compliance Statement (DPS-332C), whether language in the statewide law enforcement model policy should be updated to require that officers have offenders complete the form, and 5th Amendment self-incrimination issues for those who complete the form.
 - ii. Illegal vs. legal firearms and how the group might develop a procedure that targets all firearms, understanding that no one approach will be one-size-fits-all.
- c. For next steps the group discussed:
 - i. Review current written compliance procedures provided by the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit and compare it to overall working group goals.
 - ii. Review CGS § 46b-38b(a) for possible amendments to the language regarding officer seizure of firearms at the scene, which currently states that they “may” seize firearms.
 - iii. Review of Risk Protection Orders as a possible option for victims who know that the offender has not complied with firearms relinquishment.
- d. Next meeting is March 18th

VI. DISCUSSION REGARDING CLEAN SLATE AND CGS § 46b-38h

- a. Chairwoman Scanlon gave background of an issue regarding a person charged with risk of injury and strangulation in a family violence case who was released on a Promise to Appear because his previous conviction on 3rd degree assault against the same victim had been erased under clean slate, leaving no criminal history.
- b. Council members reviewed steps taken by DESPP to determine which convictions are eligible for clean slate erasure. These steps are based on the law and there is no discretion for DESPP on this matter.
- c. Judge Doyle provided additional context to the process. CGS 46b-38h ultimately dictates which convictions in family violence cases are not eligible for erasure under clean slate.
- d. Council members discussed charges potentially missing from 46b-38h and the potential of specific charges labeled as “domestic violence” (e.g., “assault – DV”). Atty. Steere suggested that the list is missing criminal mischief, larceny, etc. and that the court could make a finding that a crime committed during an act of family violence is excluded from Clean Slate. Judge Doyle questioned if under that scenario something gets missed in a busy court; sees value in an enumerated

process that a computer can follow. Mr. Pelka suggests that we also seek policies that the state track family violence cases that are erased. Chief Fox discussed the potential to create a charge such as “family violence enhancement” to signal that the underlying crime is family violence; creating a family violence version of every possible crime would be unworkable to law enforcement. Atty. Canning suggested additional discussion in the subcommittee. Mr. DiTunno suggested that the Council confirm the intent of making family violence crimes ineligible for clean slate. Atty. Steere suggested getting additional details about the number of charges the group believes should be added to 46b-38h (e.g., assault 3rd) that are currently erased under clean slate; Mr. DiTunno will request data on the charges erased under clean slate.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

a. SET 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE – FULL COUNCIL

i. APRIL 22, JULY 22, OCTOBER 14, DECEMBER 9

ii. All meetings will be 1:00 – 2:30pm

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

a. APRIL 22, 2026

IX. ADJOURNMENT

a. A motion to adjourn was made by Chairwoman Flexer and seconded by Judge Doyle. Chairwoman Scanlon adjourned the meeting at 1:24pm.

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