

Alaska Criminal Justice Commission

Meeting Summary

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

Audio-teleconference

Commissioners present: Jay Butler, Matt Claman, Greg Razo, Brenda Stanfill, Steve Williams

Commissioners absent: Joel Bolger, Jahna Lindemuth (Rob Henderson served as proxy for Commissioner Lindemuth), Stephanie Rhoades, Trevor Stephens, Dean Williams (Karen Cann served as proxy for Commissioner Dean Williams)

Participants: Andy Greenstreet, Lizzie Kubitz, Laura Russel

Staff: Susanne DiPietro, Barbara Dunham

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Greg Razo moved to approve the agenda and Rob Henderson seconded the motion. The agenda was approved without objection.

Annual Report Draft

Commissioner Steve Williams moved to approve the final draft of the Commission's Annual Report to be sent to the legislature. Commissioner Razo seconded the motion. The Report was approved without objection.

Staff had created a document compiling the public comments at plenary meetings over the past year. Commissioner Steve Williams suggested putting this document on the Commission's website and mentioning it in the report. Commissioner Razo agreed, saying he had revised his thinking on this since the previous meeting.

Commissioner Steve Williams asked what the distribution of the annual report would look like and whether there would be a press release. Susanne DiPietro, staff to the Commission, said that the report is always sent to the legislature and the governor; it could also be part of a press release. Chair Claman said he would be speaking with a reporter the next day about criminal justice reform and that a press release might make sense. Commissioner Stanfill also thought it was a good idea, and there was no objection from any Commissioner.

Public Comment

Cathleen McLaughlin from Partners for Progress said that she applauded the work done for the Annual Report and that Partners was proud to provide the information they had on implementation of criminal justice reform.