

Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice
Sentencing Reform Task Force

Sentence Structure Working Group
Minutes

November 30, 2020 / 3:30PM-5:00PM
Virtual Meeting

ATTENDEES

WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

Michael Dougherty, District Attorney, 20th Judicial District, *Leader*
Maureen Cain, Office of the State Public Defender
Christie Donner, Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition
Valarie Finks, Crime Victim Compensation, 1st Judicial District
Jessica Jones, Defense Attorney
Dan Rubinstein, District Attorney, 21st Judicial District
Lisa Wayne, Defense Attorney

STAFF

Richard Stroker, CCJJ Consultant
Kim English, Division of Criminal Justice
Damien Angel, Division of Criminal Justice
Laurence Lucero, Division of Criminal Justice
Stephane Waisanen, Division of Criminal Justice
Kevin Ford, Division of Criminal Justice

ABSENT

Tom Raynes, Colorado District Attorneys' Council

<p>Issue/Topic Welcome & Agenda <i>Michael Dougherty</i></p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Michael began the meeting by welcoming everyone and providing a brief overview of the agenda.</p>
<p>Issue/Topic Timeline of Work <i>Michael Dougherty</i></p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Michael told the group that meeting again prior to the next Sentencing Reform Task Force (December 9, 2020) would be necessary if they want to present a preliminary recommendation at that time. The group agreed to meet the following Monday, December 7 at 3:00pm, rather than December 12, to accommodate that timeline.</p>
<p>Issue/Topic Report from Study Group <i>Maureen Cain</i></p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Maureen presented a chart of the Study Group's proposed revisions to 222 misdemeanor charges. Maureen, Christy, Tom, and Michael led a conversation regarding the Study Group's approach to the proposed changes.</p> <p>The Working Group members expressed concerns with the placement of certain charges in the misdemeanor grid, based on their experience with those charges in the past.</p> <p>The Study Group agreed to document the charges on which they were unable to reach consensus and to present these to the Working Group and Sentence Reform Task Force for a final decision.</p>
<p>Issue/Topic Public Comment <i>Michael Dougherty</i></p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Michael addressed members of the public who had joined the call and solicited comments. Linda Summers offered her thoughts regarding the importance of the work and thanked everyone for their efforts.</p>
<p>Issue/Topic Next Steps and Adjournment <i>Michael Dougherty</i></p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Michael recapped when the group would meet next and asked if there were further comments. Hearing none, he brought the meeting to a close.</p> <p>Next meeting is: Monday, December 7, 2020 at 3:00pm</p>