



**D.C. Criminal Code Reform Commission**  
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**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020, at 10:00 AM**

On Wednesday, December 2, 2020, at 10:00 am, the D.C. Criminal Code Reform Commission (CCRC) held a meeting of its Criminal Code Reform Advisory Group (Advisory Group). The meeting was held telephonically at (650) 479-3208 (access code: 172 775 9767). The meeting minutes are below. For further information, contact Richard Schmechel, Executive Director, at (202) 442-8715 or [ccrc@dc.gov](mailto:ccrc@dc.gov).

**Commission Staff in Attendance:**

Richard Schmechel (Executive Director)	Rachel Redfern (Senior Attorney Advisor)
Jinwoo Park (Senior Attorney Advisor)	Patrice Sulton (Senior Attorney Advisor)
Margarita Bronshteyn (Social Scientist)	

**Advisory Group Members and Guests in Attendance:**

Laura Hankins (Designee of the Director of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia)	Kevin Whitfield (Representative of the D.C. Council Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety)
Katerina Semyonova (Visiting Attendee of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia)	Dave Rosenthal (Designee of the Attorney General of the District of Columbia)
Elana Suttenger (Designee of the Acting United States Attorney's Office for the District Columbia)	Seema Gajwani (Visiting Attendee of the Office of the Attorney General of the District of Columbia)
Don Braman (Council appointee)	Nishant Keerikkatte (Visiting Attendee of the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice)

\*Note: Paul Butler (Council appointee) was unable to connect due to technical issues

**I. Welcome and Announcements.**

- a. The Executive Director said that the agency expects to release a cumulative update at the end of December. It will include an appendix addressing each of the written

comments received since the last cumulative update and a red-inked version of the compiled statutes showing changes since the last draft.

**II. Discussion of Advisory Group Written Comments on First Drafts of Reports #63-67**

- a. There were no further questions or discussion by the Advisory Group.

**III. Discussion of Timing and Framing of the March 2021 Advisory Group Vote to Issue Recommendations to the Council and Mayor.**

- a. The Executive Director said that written comments on the update issued in December will be due in late January. The CCRC plans to respond to comments and issue the final recommendations in late February or early March.
- b. The Executive Director explained that the agency expects to hold a single vote on the statutory language and commentary. The record that is sent to the Council by March 31, 2021 will include written commentary from Advisory Group members, CCRC's responses, and court statistics.
- c. In anticipation of a vote, the CCRC asks that Advisory Group members hold open three mornings in March, including March 24, 2021. The Executive Director will send an email about scheduling to ensure all voting members are able to participate.
- d. The CCRC aims to deliver this package with as much support as possible. The CCRC welcomes input from Advisory Group members on topline priorities and concerns.

**IV. Adjournment.**

- a. The Executive Director said that the next Advisory Group meeting is January 6, 2021, at 10:00a.m.
- b. There being no more questions or concerns raised by the Advisory Group, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.