

# Connecticut General Assembly

## Habeas Corpus Matters Task Force

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c/o Judiciary Committee, Room 2500  
Legislative Office Building  
300 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, Ct 06106

### Working Group for Petition to Grant Certificate to Appeal Minutes December 18, 2019

Present: Judge William Bright; Merit Lajoie, James Killen; Erik Lohr; Nicole Anker; Charles Ray; Timothy Everett; Jennifer Bourn; Jennifer Smith; Darcy McGraw

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Judge Bright.

A discussion was held on potential reforms to the current petition for certification process. Issues included in the discussion were:

- Procedures in zoning board cases;
- Appointment of counsel/waiver of fees;
- Standard for granting certification;
- Presumptive number of pages in the certification process;
- Presumptive time period;
- Incorporate Simms decision in statute;
- Number of Appellate judges to decide petition;
- Exception to procedures by stipulation of parties; and
- Anders motion in petition for certification process.

Members will bring suggested legislative changes for discussion at next meeting.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 2:00 at the CT Innocence Project Offices, 2275 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield.

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.