

# Connecticut General Assembly

## Statute of Limitations Regarding Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation & Sexual Assault Task Force

Sen. Mae Flexer  
Chairperson



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

### MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

1:00 PM in Room 1C of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 1:32PM by Chairperson, Sen. Flexer M. S29.

The following committee members were present:

Sen. Flexer M. S29, Judge Barbara Bellis, Lynn Laperle, Douglas P. Mahoney, Esq., Paul Slager, Esq., Lucy Nolan, Angelica Papastavros

Absent were: Ernest Mattei, Esq.

Chairperson Flexer welcomed members of Statutes of Limitations Regarding Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitations and Sexual Assault Task Force.

Discussion to correct the minutes that Attorney Angelica Papastavros was present at the September meeting. Minutes from September meeting were approved with that correction.

Beth McCabe, Co-Leader, Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP), gave a presentation in support of the task force and shared personal experiences.

Members of the Task Force asked questions and made comments. Lucy Nolan asked questions regarding lifetime costs per child victim. Angelica Papastavros asked Beth McCabe to elaborate on educating the public on sexual abuse. Lynn Laperle, Senator Flexer and Paul Slager also asked about McCabe's experiences.

Laurie Temple, Co-Leader, SNAP, gave a presentation in support of the task force and shared personal experiences.

Members of the Task Force asked questions and made comments.

Jeremy Visone presented in support of the task force and shared his wife Kerry's personal experiences with sexual abuse.

Members of the Task Force asked questions and made comments regarding Mr. Visone's testimony on his wife's behalf.

Laurie Guay gave a presentation in support of eliminating the statute of limitations regarding sexual abuse.

Members of the Task Force asked questions and made comments regarding Ms. Guay's testimony. Senator Flexer commented that Ms. Guay's testimony highlights the amount of work that still needs to be done.

A five-minute recess was given.

The next presentation was given via video conference by Cary Silverman, Member, American Tort Reform Association, gave a presentation on the importance of statute of limitations. The concern is that eliminating the statute of limitations sets a precedent for the future of other types of claims.

Members asked questions and commented on Cary Silverman's presentation regarding his position on eliminating the statutes of limitations and his experience with tort, other legal areas and the American Tort Reform Association.

Chairwoman Flexer announced that the next meeting would be held on January 7 at 1:00pm in Hearing Room 2B.

A motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50PM