# The Connecticut General Assembly

Domestic Violence Criminal Justice
Response and Enhancement Advisory Council

MINUTES

April 22, 2026
*(amended July 22, 2026)*

1:00PM in **Room 2B** of the LOB and Zoom and YouTube Live

ATTENDANCE: Meghan Scanlon, Senator Mae Flexer, Representative Jennifer Leeper, Joe DiTunno, Danielle Sanquedolce, Valina Carpenter, Nancy Turner, Chief Alaric Fox, Atty. Gail Hardy, Judge Kevin Doyle, Andrea O'Connor, Merit Lajoie, Ginger Wilk, Atty. Johanna Canning, Capt. Ryan Maynard, Marc Pelka, Karen Foley O'Connor, Chief Rob Rosado

Subcommittee members: Shauna Harrington

CCADV staff: Michael Tetrault, Jessica Sadlowski, Liza Andrews

I. CALL TO ORDER

   a. Chairwoman Scanlon called the meeting to order at 1:08pm.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

   a. Chairwoman Scanlon offered welcoming remarks and Council members introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

   a. A motion was made to approve the February 26, 2026 meeting minutes by Atty. Hardy and seconded by Judge Doyle. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

   a. POLICE RESPONSE TO CRIMES OF FAMILY VIOLENCE

      i. Chief Fox shared draft language for two potential areas to add to/clarify in the Statewide Model Policy on the Police Response to Crimes of Family Violence. Chairwoman Scanlon noted that the group will vote on both model policy recommendations at the July meeting.

         1. Domestic Violence GPS Alert Notification Program – include an up-to-date explanation of the current statewide Domestic Violence GPS Alert Notification Program. The proposed section update

explains the differences with other GPS monitoring programs used by the criminal justice system, steps for police officers to take when called for an alert, and how a police officer can contact the GPS monitoring company. Ms. Foley O'Connor pointed out that, if approved by the full Council and added to the statewide model policy, it will also appear in the "Red Book" of policies used by law enforcement, which is updated and published each fall. The proposed language would replace the existing, outdated program summary in the model policy.

2. Jurisdictional concerns for accepting complaints of violation of orders or electronic harassment/stalking – This would be new language in the model policy to align with state statute and clarify which police departments can accept complaints for violations of orders of protection that include electronic/telephonic communication including the department where 1) the victim resides, 2) the victim received the communication, and 3) the communication was initiated. It also clarifies with respect to complaints for harassment/stalking using electronic/telephonic communication, the departments who shall accept such complaints including 1) at the place where the communication originated or 2) at the place where the communication was received.

V. Chief Fox also suggested, related to #2 above, that the stalking & harassment statutes (53a-181d, 53a-182b, 53a-183) be updated to better align with the language regarding jurisdiction for accepting complaints regarding violations of orders by electronic or telephonic means included in CGS 54-1r ("complaint by protected person re violation of order of protection by electronic or telephonic means").

a. COURT-BASED ISSUES

i. Ms. Lajoie provided an update that there will be a roundtable discussion on the Supervised Diversionary Program on May 13th with a training tentatively being planned for the fall. Invitations to the roundtable will be sent to the Council from Mr. DiTunno.

ii. Ms. Lajoie shared the discussion that the subcommittee had regarding Clean Slate and the use of the list of crimes contained in 46b-38h as the domestic violence crimes that are ineligible for automatic erasure. The subcommittee reviewed the list and voted to recommend that the following crimes be added to 46b-38h. The motion passed by majority vote.

1. 53a-61 – assault 3rd
2. 53a-61aa – threatening 1st
3. 53a-95 – unlawful restraint 1st
4. 53a-96 – unlawful restraint 2nd
5. 53a-97 – custodial interference 1st
6. 53a-98 – custodial interference 2nd
7. 53a-115 – criminal mischief 1st
8. 53a-116 – criminal mischief 2nd

9. 53a-117 – criminal mischief 3rd
10. 53a-181f – electronic stalking
11. 53a-183b – interfering with an emergency call
12. 53a-222 – violation of conditions of release 1st
13. 53a-222a – violations of conditions of release 2nd

Atty. Canning queried if Chairwoman Flexer still intends to discuss with the original proponents of Clean Slate their intent relative to exclusion of family violence crimes. Chairwoman Scanlon noted that she anticipates that to be a conversation that occurs after the conclusion of the legislative session.

iii. Ms. Lajoie also discussed a conversation the subcommittee had regarding victims having issues with CGS 54-227 & 54-228 which addresses victims registering for notification of a motion to modify a protective order or to vacate a standing criminal protective order. The subcommittee will vote on a potential recommendation at its next meeting.

iv. The subcommittee also discussed inconsistencies in confidentiality statutes related to domestic violence and sexual violence victims. The subcommittee is considering a possible recommendation to amend CGS 1-210 to be consistent with 1-215. The subcommittee will vote on a potential recommendation at its next meeting.

VI. FIREARMS SEIZURE & COMPLIANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE

a. Ms. Harrington reported that the Firearms Seizure & Compliance Working Group has met twice since the last meeting of the Full Council. At the March meeting, Sgt. Brianna Maurice of the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit (SLFU) reviewed the ideal compliance procedure with the group and identified 4 major obstacles between the ideal process and the current process: (1) lack of mandatory registration, (2) the "match game," i.e., if law enforcement sees that a person has 4 firearms registered to them and they only surrender 3, there is a lack of investigation that tends to happen to recover the single missing firearm, (3) people don't sign the DPS-332C compliance form, and (4) if the case isn't yet closed, meaning compliance hasn't been verified, SLFU does not follow up with law enforcement due to a lack of resources. The group decided to start with exploring recommendations surrounding the DPS-332C compliance statement and ways to get that signed. One suggestion included involving Bail in the process to have them verify for the court that the form was signed – not that firearms were surrendered. Bail attended the April meeting and informed the working group of the barriers to the process, namely lack of resources and lack of access to the database for verification. At the May meeting the group will discuss a possible modification of the General Notification of Criminal Protective Orders JD-CL-98 form to include a carbon copy of the notice and a signature line indicating that the defendant has read and understands that they may be prohibited from possessing or receiving a firearm, ammunition, or an electronic defense weapon.

b. Next meeting is May 20, 2026.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

a. None.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

a. JULY 22, 2026

IX. ADJOURNMENT

a. A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Lajoie and seconded by Ms. O'Connor. Chairwoman Scanlon adjourned the meeting at 2:01pm.

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