



Task Force on Mandatory Minimum Sentences

Date: 02/13/2026

Location: Afton Room, DOC, 1450 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul, MN 55108 and via Webex

Members attending in-person (3): John Donovan, Morgan Kunz, Kelly Mitchell.

Members attending online (10): Shane Baker, Jeremiah Carlson, Dale Harris, Amber Johnson, Mark Osler, Nate Reitz, Ken Sass, Nick Sasser, Robert Stewart, Ashely Sturz-Griffith.

Members absent (0):

Also present: Julie Atella, Jennifer McCleary, Sophak Mom, and Melissa Serafin (Wilder Research), Don Klick (DOC),

1. Welcome (all members)

2. Call to Order & Roll Call

- Nate Reitz (Task Force Chair) called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

3. Approval of Draft Agenda and Draft Meeting Minutes from January 2026 (ACTION)

- Agenda and Meeting Minutes from 1/26/2026 were approved by unanimous consent.

4. Review/Discuss the Framework for Evaluating Policy Impacts and Recommendations for 609.11 agenda (All members)

- Nate provided overview of framework table.
- Discussion regarding table, with committee chairs describing a summary of their assigned cells.
- See table in separate attachment for more details.

5. Prison-bed data (Nate)

- Nate provided an overview of the consolidated fiscal note from the 2025-2026 legislative session regarding the fiscal impact of removing chapter 152 offenses (related to drugs/controlled substances) from the definition of crime of violence.
 - Used a sample of cases from 2019-2023 to estimate the impact of the legislation on prison beds, which was determined to be a reduction of 222 beds.
- Nate provided an overview of the demographic impact statement.
 - Prison populations include disproportionate numbers of Black and American Indian people.

6. Subcommittee report outs

- Legal analysis/purpose: no other updates
- Data: no other updates
- Stakeholder input
 - Selected contractor and contract is being routed for signatures now
 - Vendor would like to do a consensus workshop, so before they start will have clarity on what would be useful (1-2 hours)
 - Rob, Jeremiah, Nate are interested in participating.

7. Revisit timeline and work plan (Wilder Research, all)

- Making progress
- Checking on whether we can capture any additional input from members before the next task force meeting
- Committee chairs will be asked to fill out the grid for the other mandatory minimums

8. Public Comment

- No public comment.
- Nate adjourned the meeting at 11:56 am.

9. Next Meeting

Date: 03/13/2026
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