

**Staff Memorandum 2026-02**  
**Draft Minutes of November 21, 2025 Meeting**

The Committee on Revision of the Penal Code held a meeting on November 21, 2025. Draft Minutes for that meeting are attached for Committee members to review.

The draft will be deemed final after it is approved by a vote of the Committee. When voting, the Committee may make specific changes to the Minutes. If so, those changes will be memorialized in the Minutes for the meeting at which the vote occurred.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas M. Nosewicz  
Legal Director

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***DRAFT* MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE PENAL CODE**  
**November 21, 2025**

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A meeting of the Committee on Revision of the Penal Code was held on November 21, 2024. Consistent with Government Code Section 11123.5, the meeting was held as an online video webinar. Members of the public were able to physically attend, observe, hear, and participate in the meeting at the primary physical meeting location of 925 L Street, 1st Floor Conference Room, Sacramento, California.

**Committee:**

*Remote attendance:* Michael Romano, Chairperson  
Assemblymember Isaac Bryan  
Hon. Peter Espinoza, Ret.  
Mary Kennedy  
Priscilla Ocen  
Heidi Rummel  
Senator Scott Wiener

**Staff:**

*Remote attendance:* Thomas M. Nosewicz, Legal Director  
Joy F. Haviland, Senior Staff Counsel  
Rick Owen, Senior Staff Counsel

*Physical location:* Megan Hyenga, Office Technician

**Other Persons:**

Up to 8 members of the public observed the meeting as attendees. The Committee did not prepare a list of those attendees.

**Approval of Actions Taken**

Unless otherwise indicated, the Committee decisions noted in these Minutes were approved by all members present at the meeting. If a member who was present at the meeting voted against a particular decision, abstained from voting, or was not present when the decision was made, that fact will be noted below.

### **Approval of 2025 Annual Report**

The Committee considered Memorandum 2024-18, which presented a draft of the 2025 Annual Report. After discussion and a period for public comment, the Committee voted to approve the draft with the understanding that further non-substantive revisions may be made by the staff, with approval of the Chair, before the report is formally submitted to the Governor and Legislature.

### **Discussion of 2026 Agenda**

Following a presentation by the Legal Director, the Committee discussed potential topics for study for the 2026 agenda. Those topics are:

- Diversion, probation, and record relief
- Bail and pretrial detention revisited
- Quality of statewide criminal justice data (crime data & dispositions)
- Sentencing enhancements revisited (e.g. nickel prior, great bodily injury, aggravating factors)
- CDCR-related issues around reentry, elderly parole, and related

The Committee may also take up additional topics.

Staff plans to schedule the first meeting in 2026 in February or March. The Committee expressed interest in conducting a meeting inside a prison or jail.

### **Staff Update on 2025 Violent Crime Statistics**

The Legal Director also gave a presentation on Memorandum 2025-19, which presented an update on violent crime statistics for the third quarter of 2025.

The Committee also heard public comment.

### **Administrative Matters**

The Committee considered Memorandum 2025-17 presenting draft Minutes for the Committee's October 2025 meeting.

The Committee approved the Minutes without change.