

**Minutes**  
**Connecticut Judicial Branch Juror Data Analysis Committee**  
**May 23, 2024**  
**3:00 p.m.**

The meeting was also available for live streaming on the Judicial Branch YouTube Channel.

**Members in attendance:** Hon. Peter L. Brown (Co-Chair), Atty. John E. Barney, Jr., Director Troy Brown, Director Joseph P. Greelish, Atty. Daniel Horgan, Mr. Patrick Lakha, and Hon. Robin L. Wilson

**Also in attendance:** Ms. Nichole DiBenedetto

- I. **Review Minutes of April 25, 2024 meeting:** A motion was made by Atty. Barney to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Attorney Horgan. The motion was approved unanimously with Director Brown and Atty. Horgan abstaining.
- II. **Updates Regarding Potential Additional Demographic Information Analyzing Data by Zip Code:** Mr. Greelish presented example analyses of Bridgeport and Hartford jury demographics broken down by zip code. Mr. Lakha provided the US comparison data based on ZCTAS. Mr. Greelish suggested that when looking at the analysis the committee would want to see that the jury composition doesn't degrade as it goes through the system and reflects the US census data for that zip code.

The voir dire process looked to be on point for the Bridgeport JD.

In Hartford, the Black or African American and the Hispanic populations were underrepresented in the voir dire process while West Hartford was overrepresented. This becomes significant when looking at the demographics of these two towns which may account for the discrepancy in the representation of those demographics during the voir dire process vs the census. The committee may want to look at data on challenges to see why the discrepancy is corrected further in the process. This is the type of analysis the committee can look at for every town.

- III. **Feasibility of Completing the Report Prior to Chief Justice Robinson's Retirement:** The committee is working on a timeline for a rough draft of the committee's report to Chief Justice Robinson.
- IV. **Reports/Input from Committee Members:** Director Brown noticed that East Hartford was also underrepresented and would like to look at that further. The committee found the data on Bridgeport encouraging since there used to be a large number of undeliverables in that town. Mr. Greelish will provide more information on Hartford JD including East Hartford for the next meeting and will work toward providing analysis of the other districts. Atty. Horgan questioned if the only method of contacting potential jurors was through the post office or if they could also be

reached through email, text, etc. Mr. Greelish informed the committee that initial contact with perspective jurors is almost exclusively through the mail with other systems available for continuing notifications.

V. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

The next meeting will be June 27, 2024 at 3:00 pm.