



CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

Regular Meeting of the Court Security Committee

May 8, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Office of the Probate Court Administrator

186 Newington Rd.

West Hartford, CT 06110

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Judge Domenick Calabrese.

Present: Judge Domenick Calabrese, Chair; Attorney Thomas Smith; Judge Steven DeMoura; Jackie Buckle. Also present: Cindy Wolfe Boynton, PCA Manager of Communications & Intergovernmental Relations.

Comments of the Chair

Judge Calabrese thanked everyone for attending and noted that with the number of new judges, it is important to continue the work of the committee. He explained the purpose of the committee: The committee started as a result of the incident in Sandy Hook. It was decided there would be an ad hoc Court Security Committee. The project was to get all courts to have security assessments completed. The assessments were conducted by local police officers specially trained to do so. It took close to 3 years for the assessments to be completed.

Minutes

Judge Calabrese asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 08, 2022 meeting. The motion was made by Attorney Smith and seconded by Jackie Buckle. The motion carried.

Discussion

Judge Calabrese gave an update on the number of security assessments that have been received. There was discussion concerning how to encourage the courts to get the assessments done.

Some of the suggestions were:

- Talk to colleagues and encourage them to get the assessments done.
- Do something that will catch attention such as a colorful eblast, pictures with links to articles, catchy phrases, and email to all judges.
- Ask Judge Foye Smith to speak on what happens at her court.
- Make phone calls and follow-up phone calls.

Sargent Chris Grillis from the Southbury Police Department will be presenting at the June 21st Continuing Education and Probate Assembly Meeting. There was a suggestion to see if this presentation can be put in a different spot on the agenda other than the end of the day. Judge DeMoura said he would reach out to all of the new judges. Judge Calabrese and Attorney Smith will reach out to the others.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Office of the Probate Court Administrator.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Buckle, Chief Clerk
Northern Fairfield County Probate Court