

**Regular Meeting of the
Probate Court Budget Committee
Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 16, 2022
5:00 p.m.**

**Office of the Probate Court Administrator
186 Newington Road
West Hartford, CT 06110**

The meeting was called to order by Judge Streit-Kefalas at 5:04 p.m. The meeting was conducted in-person.

Present

Judge Beverly Streit-Kefalas, Probate Court Administrator and Chair, Judge Fred Anthony, and Judge Philip Wright, Jr. Also present: Lisa Hansen, Director of Financial Services, and Jim Polites, Manager of Communications and Intergovernmental Relations.

Public Comment and Correspondence

Judge Streit-Kefalas inquired for public comment. A question was asked about the possibility of implementing merit increases for court employees in July. Judge Streit-Kefalas responded that the agenda for the next regular meeting of the Probate Budget Committee in June is still to be determined.

Remarks by the Chair

Judge Streit-Kefalas remarked that it was a pleasure to meet in person again, and anticipated a straightforward meeting to discuss routine matters before the committee.

Adopt FY23 Office Budgets

Judge Streit-Kefalas asked for a motion approving each court's annual FY23 budget, noting an adjusted figure for Probate Court District 33 that reflects a recent update to staffing.

A motion was made by Judge Anthony to approve FY23 office budgets as presented. Judge Wright seconded the motion. Judge Streit-Kefalas called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously, no abstentions.

Compensation Plan Adjustments

Judge Streit-Kefalas asked Lisa Hansen, Director of Financial Services, to provide an update on the impact of the 3.0% Cost of Living Adjustment approved by the Budget Committee at its December 8, 2021, meeting and implemented in January. Impact for the remainder of this fiscal year is approximately \$225,000; impact of the adjustment over one entire budget year is forecasted to be \$450,000.

Adjournment

With no further business before the committee, Judge Streit-Kefalas requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was moved by Judge Wright and seconded by Judge Anthony. The motion carried unanimously, no abstentions.

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.