

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

**Thursday, June 8, 2023  
5 p.m.**

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

The meeting was called to order by Probate Court Administrator and Chair Beverly K. Streit-Kefalas at 5:02 p.m.

**Present**

Probate Court Administrator and Chair Beverly K. Streit-Kefalas, Judge Fred J. Anthony, and Judge Michael R. Brandt.

**Public Comment and Correspondence**

Nanci Howard, Chief Clerk of the Housatonic Probate Court and Co-President of the Connecticut Association of Probate Clerks, offered comments.

There was no correspondence.

**Remarks by the Chair**

Chair Streit-Kefalas explained that Probate would receive funds for FY24 and FY25 through allocations from the state General Fund and a suspension of the sweep for FY23. She noted that the Probate Court Administration Fund is strong. Chair Streit-Kefalas also stated how pleased she is with the Legislature's approval of changes to the statutory provisions regarding health insurance premiums, noting employees' and judges' new, lower-cost premium shares, which in certain instances could lead to savings to them as high as \$5,000-\$6,000+ a year.

**Compensation Plan Adjustment**

Chair Streit-Kefalas turned over the meeting to Lisa Hansen, PCA Director of Financial Services, who summarized the proposal for the 3% merit increase for court staff, subject to the applicable formula considerations and to be reflected in the July 13, 2023 paychecks. A motion was made by Judge Brandt to approve the merit pay increase as presented. Judge Anthony seconded the motion. During the discussion, Judges Brandt and Anthony both expressed gratitude for the current strong financial position of the Probate Court system that allows for this well-deserved increase. Chair Streit-Kefalas called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously with no abstentions. Chair Streit-Kefalas thanked the Judges for showing their continuous commitment to the employees of Connecticut's Probate Courts.

**Other Business**

None.

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Wolfe Boynton  
PCA Manager of Communications and Intergovernmental Relations