

CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

Regular Meeting of the Court Security Committee of the Connecticut Probate Assembly

Minutes

Monday, May 16, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Office of the Probate Court Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Judge Dominick Calabrese.

Present

Judge Domenick Calabrese, Chair; Judge Fred Anthony; Judge Peter Mariano; Attorney Thomas Smith; Jackie Buckle. Also present: PCA Manager of Communications & Intergovernmental Relations Jim Polites.

Comments of the Chair

Judge Calabrese thanked everyone for their attendance and said his goal is for the committee to re-focus on how best to facilitate the security of Probate Courts. He noted that security is ultimately in the hands of each judge and chief clerk and it is important for each court to do as much as possible, adding that simple measures – such as periodic assessments – require relatively few resources.

Approval of Minutes

Judge Calabrese asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2021 meeting as presented. The motion was made by Attorney Smith and seconded by Judge Mariano. The motion carried unanimously with no abstentions.

Discussion

Judge Calabrese gave an update of court security assessments that have been completed over the past two years. Committee members agreed to personally contact each court to offer guidance to obtain updated assessments.

There was discussion regarding Judge Calabrese's submission in the most recent issue of Probate Press and requesting that the Continuing Education Committee reserve a portion of future continuing education programming for a court security presentation.

Committee Schedule

The committee will meet next on Monday, August 8, 2022, at 10 a.m. at the Office of the Probate Court Administrator.

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With no further business before the committee, Judge Calabrese asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Judge Mariano and seconded by Judge Anthony. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.