

**Minutes of the Court Security Committee**  
**Monday, July 13, 2020**

In accordance with the Governor's order regarding social distancing in the workplace, the meeting was held via phone conference hosted by PCA.

**Members in attendance:**

Hon. Domenick Calabrese – Chair, Hon. Peter Mariano, Atty. Anne Holihan, Atty. Thomas Smith, Alexis Lewis, Hon. Beverly Streit-Kefalas

**Also present:** Melissa Riley, Audrey Honig Geragosian

The meeting was called to order with a quorum present at 10:04 a.m.

Minutes from the May 11, 2020, meeting were accepted and approved without discussion.

**Security Assessments**

Judge Calabrese indicated that 10 courts have submitted completed security assessments. It is his understanding other courts are at some point in the process, having requested an assessment or had one done without yet receiving a report.

Judge Mariano inquired as to the availability of state funding for security upgrades.

Probate Court Administrator Streit-Kefalas provided that while some municipalities were retrofitting courts to coincide with COVID-19 measures, the federal COVID relief funds do not apply to security upgrades.

**State Police/Judicial Branch Resources**

Judge Calabrese reported no new developments regarding resources available through state police or the Judicial Branch for security training.

**Committee Schedule**

Judge Calabrese proposed that as an ad hoc committee and based upon its flow of business, the committee move to a quarterly schedule rather than alternating months. The committee expressed consensus for this change. The committee's schedule will thus be amended and the September meeting will be cancelled.

**Remarks by the Probate Court Administrator**

Judge Streit-Kefalas thanked Judge Calabrese for his leadership of the committee. She expressed her appreciation for all of the efforts that have been put forth to continue its work through the course of COVID-19. She applauded the committee for meeting in this telephonic format to conduct its business as all the Probate Courts move forward while we watch other state agencies start to reopen.

**Remarks by the Chair**

Judge Calabrese thanked members of the committee, PCA Streit-Kefalas, Melissa Riley and staff for continuing to focus on court security issues even during this difficult time. He said that the Probate Courts can hold our heads high, as our business as a system continued throughout the duration of the

pandemic. He said he has tremendous respect for the work all are doing to continue service of the Probate Courts.

**Next meeting**

10 a.m., Monday, November 9, 2020.

If it is not possible to meet at PCA, it will be held via conference call.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.