



CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee

April 9, 2025

9:45 a.m.

Office of the Probate Court Administrator

186 Newington Rd.

West Hartford, CT 06110

Attendees: Judges Anthony, Barrett, Berkenstock, Brandt, Darby, Hoyle, Lewis, Marino, Osterndorf, Randich, and Steck. PCA: Chief Counsel Heather L. Dostaler, Director of Financial Services Lisa Hansen, and Probate Court Administrator Beverly Streit.

1. Call to Order:

Judge Darby called the meeting to order at 9:46 a.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Judge Hoyle and seconded by Judge Barrett to approve the March 12, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Correspondence:

Judge Streit reported that there was no correspondence.

A motion was made by Judge Anthony to amend the agenda to reorder and allow the Probate Court Administrator's Remarks as item 4 so Lisa Hansen may present the budget of the Office of the Probate Court Administrator. Judge Randich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Comments of the Probate Court Administrator

Judge Streit and Lisa Hansen presented the proposed budget for the Probate Court system for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026 and answered questions of the members.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Judge Randich presented his report for the Third Quarter of FYE 06/30/2025 and discussed the expenditures of the Probate Assembly. Judge Marino made a motion to approve the report. Judge Steck seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Committee Reports:

Continuing Education

Judge Lewis reported that the next Continuing Education Seminar will be June 25,

2025 in Cromwell. The next Committee meeting will be on April 16, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the PCA Library.

Ethics

Judge Brandt expressed his appreciation to the committee members that presented at the March Continuing Education Seminar on Ethics. He reported that the committee's next meeting on June 12, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the PCA Library.

Legislative

Judge Streit reported the legislature is still in session. Her office is monitoring nearly 100 bills, but really focused on ten major bills. There have also been two proposals added to the Probate Court operations bill.

Nominating

No report. The approved slate will be presented for election at the Assembly's Annual Assembly.

Planning

Judge Anthony reported that the next meeting will follow the Executive Committee Meeting at 10:30 on May 14, 2025 in the PCA library.

Procedures Review

Judge Berkenstock reported that the next meeting is on June 2, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the PCA Library.

Public Information

No report.

Security

No report.

NCPJ

Judge Anthony reminded members of the Spring Conference to be held May 6 to May 9, 2025 in Mystic, Connecticut.

7. Comments of the President Judge:

Judge Darby reiterated his concerns about our lack of conservators. He wants to be proactive in addressing the concerns. He reminded the members about the Annual Meeting on April 23, 2025 at the Connecticut Supreme Court and the National College of Probate Judges conference from May 6 to May 9, 2025 in Mystic.

8. Other Business to come before the Executive Committee:

None.

9. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Michael R. Brandt, Temporary Recording Secretary