



CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING January 22, 2025

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Judge Darby at 1:21 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Judge Jalowiec lead the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of the Judges

3. 42 Judges were present at the meeting. **Approval of the November 20, 2024 Probate Assembly Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Judge Hoyle and seconded by Judge DeGennaro to approve of the minutes of the November 20, 2024 Assembly meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Judge Burt and seconded by Judge Shepard and unanimously carried to approve the Treasurer's Report for the second quarter of Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025 as presented.

5. Nominations

Judge Marino, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the followingslate of Assembly officers and executive committee members, Probate Court Budget Committee member and membership on the Council on Probate Judicial Conduct to be voted on at the next annual meeting scheduled to be held on April 23, 2025

OFFICERS:

For a one-year Term: 04/2025-04/2026

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| • President-Judge | HONORABLE MICHAEL M. DARBY |
| • First Vice President-Judge | HONORABLE PETER C. BARRETT |
| • Second Vice President-Judge | HONORABLE MATTHEW J. JALOWIEC |
| • Executive Secretary | HONORABLE ARIANA F. CENEVIVA |
| • Recording Secretary | HONORABLE ARIANA F. CENEVIVA |
| • Treasurer | HONORABLE ROBERT A. RANDICH |

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

For a three-year Term: 04/2025- 04/2028

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| • New London County | HONORABLE CHARLES K. NORRIS |
| • New Haven County | HONORABLE CLIFFORD P. HOYLE |
| • At Large | HONORABLE CAROLINE L. MCCAFFREY |

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

For a two-year Term: 04/2025-04/2027

HONORABLE FRED J. ANTHONY

COUNCIL ON PROBATE JUDICIAL CONDUCT

For a four-year Term: 10/01/2025-09/30/2029

HONORABLE ELISA H. BARTLETT

HONORABLE FRED J. ANTHONY, Alternate

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made to close the nominations by Judge Wexler, seconded by Judge Hoyle and unanimously carried to approve the closing of the nominations.

6. Committee Reports

Continuing Education

Judge Lewis thanked all the presenting judges. The committee's next meeting is February 19, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the PCA Library. All suggestions for educational topics are welcome.

Ethics

Judge Brandt reported that the next committee meeting is on February 27, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the PCA Library

Legislative

No report.

Planning Committee

No report.

Procedures Review Committee

Judge Berkenstock welcomed new committee member Judge Gabrielle Labonte of the Northeast Probate Court. The next meeting is on March 3, 2025 at the PCA library.

Public Information

Judge Wexler reported that the committee had not met recently, and the next meeting will be in May/June. She wanted to remind all judges that we are the cheerleaders/ambassadors of the probate system.

Court Security

Judge Hoyle reported that the next meeting will be on May 5, 2025 at 10 a.m. in the PCA library.

NCPJ

Judge McCaffrey explained the purpose of the organization and encouraged all to attend the May 2025 conference in Mystic, Connecticut May 6-9, 2025. Judge Lewis made a motion for the assembly to contribute \$1,500 to the National College of Probate Judges for purposes of a food reception at the Mystic conference. The motion was seconded by Judge Gardner Riordan and carried unanimously.

7. Remarks of the Probate Court Administrator

Judge Streit-Kefalas reported the following:

- a. The legislative session opened two weeks ago, and she and Evan attended the first day of session.
- b. PCA is tracking 100s of proposed bills
- c. General Appropriations Bill-asking for \$16 million in year one and \$18.2 million in year two of the state biennium budget
- d. Public hearings will be starting mid-February
- e. Rules Committee will be reconvening shortly
 - i. Biennial cycle with the revisions being effective July 2026
 - ii. Encouraged all to share suggestions
 - iii. Will be discussing again this year about whether to include rules about AI
- f. The redesign of the case management system is targeted to launch sometime in 2026
- g. Introduced the newest staff attorney at PCA- Attorney Zach King

8. Remarks of the President-Judge

Judge Darby thought today's presentations were interesting and expressed appreciation for all in attendance.

9. Other business to come before the Assembly

None

9. Adjournment

Judge Lewis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Judge Barrett and unanimously carried. The Assembly adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hon. Ariana F. Ceneviva
Executive and Recording Secretary