



CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

Regular meeting of the **Legislative Committee**

February 3, 2023
9:00 a.m.

Trumbull Town Hall
5866 Main Street
Trumbull, CT 06611-5416

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Legislative Committee was held on February 3, 2023 at the Trumbull Probate Court. Attending were co-chairs, Judges Fox and Rowe and members Judges Streit-Kefalas, DaSilva, Landgrebe, Maxham and Rebimbas. PCA Staff Attorney Evan Brunetti also attended.

1. Convene Meeting:

The meeting was convened by Judge Rowe at approximately 8:40 a.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes of October 28, 2022:

A motion was made by Judge Landgrebe, seconded by Judge Fox and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the October 28, 2022 meeting as presented.

3. Review Pending Legislation

A. Judge Streit-Kefalas reported that she is monitoring many bills as they progress through the legislative process. The Probate Court Ops bill is progressing. She testified at a hearing on the ECT bill which will likely be revised. The health insurance and Uniform Transfer of Real Property on Death bills have been sent to the Judiciary Committee but have not yet appeared on its agenda.

B. The Committee discussed the bill seeking parity for probate court employees' share for the health insurance premium.

C. The Committee discussed the viability of eliminating Band 1 from the probate judges compensation plan this legislative session.

D. Judge Streit-Kefalas reported that the Governor's budget will be presented on February 8, 2023. The 2024-2025 Probate Court Administration Fund budget is seeking general fund appropriations of \$14.7million in year 1 and \$16.5 million in year 2. The increase can be attributed to the compensation adjustments

approved for judges and the proposed merit and COLA increases for staff. If appropriate, a suspension of the sweep will be sought.

E. Judge Streit-Kefalas mentioned a few of the many bills she is following; some of which are supported by PCA and some which are not.

4. Other Business:

The next meeting was changed from May 12, 2023 to Friday, April 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Trumbull Probate Court.

5. Adjournment

Judge Landgrebe made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Judge Rebimbas which unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hon. Kathleen N. Maxham