



CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

Regular Meeting of the **Executive Committee**

February 11, 2026

9:45 a.m.

Office of the Probate Court Administrator

186 Newington Rd.

West Hartford, CT 06110

Attendees: Judges Barrett, Brandt, Ceneviva, Darby, Hoyle, Jalowiec, McCaffrey, Randich and Steck. Also present: PCA Chief Counsel Heather L. Dostaler and Probate Court Administrator Beverly Streit.

1. Call to Order:

Judge Darby called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2026 was made by Judge Hoyle and seconded by Judge Randich and unanimously approved.

3. Correspondence:

None.

4. Committee Reports:

Continuing Education

Judge Streit reported that the next Judges Institute is on March 12, 2026.

Ethics

Judge Brandt reported that the next meeting is March 26, 2026 at PCA.

Legislative

No report.

Planning

Judge Hoyle reported that the next meeting is May 18, 2026, at 9:45 a.m. at PCA.

Procedures Review

No report.

Public Information

No report

Court Security

Judge Hoyle reported that the next committee meeting will be May 11, 2026 at PCA at 10:00 a.m.

NCPJ

Judge McCaffrey reported that the Spring Conference will be May 6-9 in Williamsburg, VA and the fall conference is November 11-14 in Hilton Head Island, SC.

Nominating

No report.

Ad Hoc Bylaws Revisions

Judge Darby has dissolved the committee with a well-earned thank you for completing its task of revising the bylaws.

5. Comments of the Probate Court Administrator:

Judge Streit reported on the following:

- Last week was opening day of the Legislative session. The Budget proposed by the Governor includes a complete elimination of our funding of \$3.6 million but did propose eliminating the sweep of our fund. The general fund appropriation request for the Probate Court system is \$18 million for fiscal year 2027.
- She presented testimony to the Appropriations Committee on February 10th, and Judges Carchia, Darby, and Norris all testified at the public hearing held later that afternoon.
- The Probate Court Rules of Procedure have been approved by the Supreme Court Justices and will be effective July 1, 2026.
- The Auditors of Public Accounts are commencing its biennial audit of the Probate Court system.
- The Chief Clerks Meeting date has changed and is now March 25, 2026.
- PCA will be offering hands on “computer lab” training at PCA for the new CMS program. There are 9 dates to choose from and two sessions per day.
- Evelyn Gonzalez will be retiring March 5, 2026. She expressed her deep sadness but appreciation for all of Evelyn’s hard work and dedication, especially for the Probate Assembly and its committees.

6. Comments of the President Judge:

- Judge Darby commented on the following:
- He did not realize that the last auditor’s report had zero findings and thought that was remarkable.
- He testified last week in front of the Appropriation Committee regarding the

Probate Court system's general fund appropriations request and found the experience interesting and informative.

7. Other Business to come before the Executive Committee:

None.

8. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Judge Brandt and seconded by Judge Jalowiec.

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Ariana F. Ceneviva, Executive/Recording Secretary