



CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee April, 2026 9:45 a.m.

Office of the Probate Court Administrator
186 Newington Rd.
West Hartford, CT 06110

Attendees: Judges Barrett, Berkenstock, Brandt, Darby, Hoyle, Lewis, McCaffrey, Osterndorf, and Steck. Also in attendance from PCA: Director of Financial Services Lisa L. Hansen; Chief Counsel Heather L. Dostaler; Attorney Evan C. Brunetti; and Probate Court Administrator Beverly K. Streit.

1. Call to Order:

Judge Darby called the meeting to order at 9:47 a.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Judge Hoyle and seconded by Judge McCaffrey to approve the March 11, 2026 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Presentation:

The proposed budget was presented by Director of Financial Services Lisa Hansen. Questions were addressed by the administrator and director. There was robust discussion regarding conservator compensation and the lack of financial resources.

4. Correspondence:

None.

5. Committee Reports:

Continuing Education

Judge Lewis reported that the next Committee meeting will be on April 15, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in the PCA Library.

Ethics

Judge Brandt reported that the next meeting for the Committee will be April 16, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in the PCA Library.

Legislative

Judge Streit reported that the Legislative Committee will meet on Thursday, April 9, 2026 at the Trumbull Probate Court.

Nominating

No report.

Planning

Judge Hoyle reported that the next meeting is on May 18, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in the PCA library.

Procedures Review

Judge Berkenstock reported that Procedures Review Committee had a productive meeting on March 16, 2026. The next meeting will be on June 1, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the PCA Library.

Public Information

No report.

Court Security

Judge Hoyle reported that the next meeting of the Court Security Committee will be on May 11, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. He reminded the judges to continue to conduct regular assessments.

NCPJ

Judge McCaffrey reported that the spring conference will be in Williamsburg, Virginia from May 6 to May 9. Registration is open and she encouraged everyone to register for hotel accommodations prior to April 14, 2026.

6. Comments of the Probate Court Administrator:

Judge Streit reported the following:

- The legislative session closes in four weeks.
- In addition to the pending budget negotiations between the governor and legislative leadership as well as the Probate Court operations bill, we continue to monitor and address a number of probate-relevant bills.
- Attorney Brunetti will be providing “budget talking points” to the judges and she encourages the judges to reach out to their local legislators.

Judge Streit reminded the judges of the Annual Meeting at the Supreme Court on April 22, 2026.

7. Comments of the President Judge:

Judge Darby reported that he had already shared his substantive remarks, particularly regarding the conservatorship programs, during the budget presentation. He also recognized that this was his final Executive Committee meeting as President-Judge and expressed his appreciation to the Board members

for their efforts and their willingness to serve the Assembly.

8. Other Business to come before the Executive Committee:

The Board members applauded Judge Darby and recognized his service to the Probate Assembly as President over the past two years.

9. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Judge Steck and seconded by Judge Brandt. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hon. Michael R. Brandt, Acting Recording Secretary