



CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee

May 13, 2026

9:45 a.m.

Office of the Probate Court Administrator

186 Newington Rd.

West Hartford, CT 06110

Attendees: Judges Ceneviva, Darby, DaSilva, Hoyle, Jalowiec, Lewis, McCaffrey, Shaikh, and Steck. Also in attendance from PCA: Chief Counsel Heather L. Dostaler and Probate Court Administrator Beverly K. Streit.

1. Call to Order:

Judge Jalowiec called the meeting to order at 9:49 a.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Judge Lewis and seconded by Judge McCaffrey to approve the April 8, 2026 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Correspondence:

None.

4. Committee Reports:

Continuing Education

Judge Lewis reported that the next Committee meeting will be on June 17, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in the PCA Library. The next seminar is on June 24, 2026, and will include programming on AI and Firearms in Conservatorship matters.

Ethics

Judge Streit reported that the next meeting for the Committee will be September 17, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in the PCA Library.

Legislative

Judge Streit reported that the Legislative session concluded on Wednesday evening. The Probate Courts Ops Bill passed smoothly.

Planning

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

Procedures Review

No report.

Court Security

Judge Hoyle reported that the Committee met on May 11, 2026, but did not have a quorum. The next meeting is on November 9, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the PCA Library.

NCPJ

Judge McCaffrey reported that the spring conference held in Williamsburg just concluded and went very well. She also shared that the fall conference will be in Hilton Head, South Carolina and the spring 2027 conference will be in Phoenix, AZ.

6. Comments of the Probate Court Administrator:

Judge Streit reported the following:

- Welcome to our new President, Judge Jalowiec.
- The Roundtables are underway and it is great to see so many Judges also attending.
- The legislature approved adjustments to the state budget which adequately provides for the Probate Court system.

7. Comments of the President Judge:

Judge Jalowiec is looking forward to serving as President. He wants to focus on the issues we are facing with retaining and recruiting conservators. He has several ideas for us to research and review.

8. Other Business to come before the Executive Committee:

Judge Darby raised the issue of attorneys seeking to submit assessor's valuations in support of real property values for the Connecticut Estate Tax Return given the age of such evaluations as well as current market values. There was robust discussion on various reliable sources of fair market value.

9. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Judge DaSilva and seconded by Judge Darby. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hon. Ariana F. Ceneviva, Secretary