



CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee

July 8, 2026

9:45 a.m.

Office of the Probate Court Administrator

186 Newington Rd.

West Hartford, CT 06110

Attendees: Judges Jalowiec, Brandt, Darby, DaSilva, Hoyle, Lewis, McCaffrey and Shaikh; Also in attendance: 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 9:47 a.m. He nominated Judge Brandt as acting secretary for the meeting.

2. Approval of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Judge Hoyle and seconded by Judge DaSilva to approve the revised minutes of the April 8, 2026 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Judge Lewis and seconded by Judge McCaffrey to approve the June 10, 2026 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Correspondence:

None.

4. Committee Reports:

Continuing Education

Judge Lewis reported that the June 24, 2026 continuing education seminar went well and expressed her appreciation to the judges who presented. She informed the Executive Committee that the next seminar, focusing on children's matters, is scheduled for September 23, 2026, and will be held in Memorial Hall at Central Connecticut State University (CCSU).

Judge Lewis also reported that the next Continuing Education Committee meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in the PCA Library.

Ethics

Judges Brandt reported the next meeting of the committee is September 17, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in the PCA Library.

Legislative

No report.

Planning

Judge Hoyle reported the next committee meeting is immediately following today's Executive Committee.

Procedures Review

No report.

Court Security

Judge Hoyle reported the next committee meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the PCA library.

NCPJ

Judge McCaffrey reported that the fall conference will be held in Hilton Head, South Carolina, the 2027 spring conference will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, and the 2027 fall conference will be held in Nashville, Tennessee.

6. Comments of the Probate Court Administrator:

Judge Streit reported the following:

- The newly published Rules of Probate Procedure were distributed to the Courts over the past few weeks. The Rules are also available on the Probate Court website.
- The legal staff of PCA are conducting court reviews this summer. The reviews occur every two years and the goal is to help each court improve and maintain legal compliance and assist with efficient use of the court systems. She reminded the judges that there are national concerns over court oversight of fiduciaries for protected persons. She encouraged the Courts to utilize the intranet trainings and to take advantage of the file review workshop topics for additional training for court staff.

7. Comments of the President Judge:

Judge Jalowiec reiterated that the PCA Court visits were positive interactions where the clerks and court staff can have a cooperative discussion. He suggested we develop a repository of decisions so that judges can have a starting point in writing a decision. The judges discussed the resources and their individual approaches.

Judge Streit also reminded the Executive Committee that the Quinipiac Probate Law Journal is always seeking memoranda of decisions for publications. She noted that the journal is a great resource for the Probate Court judges.

8. Other Business to come before the Executive Committee:

By consensus, the August meeting of the committee has been cancelled.

9. Adjournment:

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

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