



CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING June 25, 2025

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Judge Barrett at 12:52 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Judge Tiernan led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of the Judges

Forty-one judges were present at the meeting.

3. Approval of the April 23, 2025 Annual Probate Assembly Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Judge Lewis and seconded by Judge Shepard to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2025 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Committee Reports

Continuing Education

Judge Lewis reported that the next program is September 17, 2025 and will cover children's matters. The committee is also preparing for the Bench/Bar Seminar with the CBA on November 19, 2025 at the Aqua Turf. The committee's next meeting is August 13, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the PCA Library. All suggestions for educational topics are welcome.

Ethics

Judge Brandt reported that the next committee meeting is on September 18, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the PCA Library.

Legislative

Atty. Evan Brunetti reported for the committee that the legislative session has ended and that a Legislative summary will be coming out soon.

Planning Committee

Judge Barrett reported for Judge Anthony. The committee has drafted a bench guide that is in the final editing state, and it will be distributed to the judges shortly.

Procedures Review Committee

Judge Berkenstock reported that the last meeting was held on June 2 and the next meeting is on September 8, 2025 in the PCA Library.

Public Information

No report.

Court Security

No report.

NCPJ

Judge McCaffrey reported that the next conference is in Galveston, Texas in November 11th through 14th when retired Judge Purnell will be the new President. She also thanked everyone who attended the May conference in Mystic.

5. Remarks of the Probate Court Administrator

Judge Streit reported the following:

- a. Biennial court visits of 30 courts are being conducted this summer.
- b. The CMS Basics webinar will be held July 9th at 2:00 p.m. Judges and court staff are encouraged to register and attend.
- c. The Advisory Committee on the Probate Court Rules of Procedure for the 2026 edition held its meeting recently. Judges and staff are encouraged to submit comments and suggestions. The committee will be meeting every three weeks.

6. Remarks of the President-Judge

Judge Barrett as acting President had no remarks.

7. Other business to come before the Assembly

None

9. Adjournment

Judge Lewis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Judge DeMoura and unanimously carried. The Assembly adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hon. Ariana F. Ceneviva
Executive and Recording Secretary