



CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING January 28, 2026

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Approval of the October 22, 2025 Probate Assembly Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Judge Hoyle and seconded by Judge DaSilva to approve the minutes of the last Assembly meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

Judge Randich presented the Treasurer's Report for the second quarter of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. A motion was made by Judge DaSilva, seconded by Judge Landgrebe and unanimously carried out to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

5. Proposed Revisions to the Bylaws

Judge Darby reported that the Bylaws Committee has proposed changes to the Bylaws for approval by the Assembly. A motion to approve the changes was made by Judge Anthony and seconded by Judge Hoyle and unanimously approved.

6. Report of the Nominating Committee

Judge Anthony reported that in accordance with the revised Bylaws just approved by the Assembly, the Nominating Committee has nominated a slate of officers, Executive Committee members and members of the Probate Court Budget Committee for election to be voted on at the Assembly Annual meeting in April. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made by Judge Carchia and seconded by Judge Szewczyk. The motion carried unanimously. This slate will be elected at the Annual Meeting as no nominations may be made at the annual meeting.

7. Committee Reports

Continuing Education

Judge Lewis reported that in his new role as Deputy Director of External Affairs, Evan Brunetti has transitioned the role to the committee as the PCA liaison to Attorney

Zachary King. The next program will be on March 12, 2026. She introduced Farmington Regional Probate Court Chief Clerk Will Kinley as a new member of the committee. The next committee meeting will be on April 15, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. at PCA.

Ethics

Judge Brandt reported that the next committee meeting is April 16, 2026 at PCA.

Legislative

No report from the chairs.

Planning Committee

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

Procedures Review Committee

Judge Berkenstock reported that the next meeting is March 16, 2026 at PCA.

Public Information

No report.

Court Security

Judge Hoyle reported that the next meeting is May 11, 2026 at 10 a.m. at PCA.

NCPJ

No report.

8. Remarks of the Probate Court Administrator

Judge Streit reported the following:

- PCA will be offering hands-on training for the new CMS program. All Probate Court employees and judges are strongly encouraged to attend.
- The legislative session starts next Wednesday, February 4, 2026.
- The public hearing before the Appropriations Committee on the Probate Court system's budget (and others) will be held on February 10, 2026 starting at 3:00 p.m. Judge Streit will be presenting the system's general fund appropriations request of \$18 million earlier that morning.
- She further remarked that Friday, January 30th will be West Haven Probate Judge DeGennaro's last day and wished him a good retirement.

9. Remarks of the President-Judge

Judge Darby commented on today's presentation regarding retirement and our pension. He remarked that in contemplation of his retirement at the end of this term, that he reached out to a number of retired judges and was reassured that

there is "life after" leaving the office. He has complimented the PJERS Retirement Examiner Joe Soucie as very helpful and knowledgeable.

10. Other business to come before the Assembly

None

9. Adjournment

Judge Daly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Judge Jalowiec and unanimously carried. The Assembly adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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