



CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

Regular Meeting September 23, 2026 12:15 p.m.

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Judge Randich at 12:23 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Judge Berkenstock lead the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of the June 24, 2026 Probate Assembly Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Judge Lewis and seconded by Judge Bartlett to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2026 Assembly meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

Judge Hoyle presented the Treasurer's Report for the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026. A motion was made by Judge Carchia, seconded by Judge Lewis and unanimously carried to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

5. Committee Reports:

Continuing Education

Judge Lewis reported that the next program will be the Judges Institute on October 28, 2026. The next committee meeting will be October 21, 2026, at 9:30 am at PCA.

Ethics

No report.

Legislative

Judge Fox reported that the next meeting is October 28, 2026 directly following the Judges Institute.

Nominating

No report.

Planning

Judge Hoyle presented an overview of the new Bench Guide for Hybrid Virtual Hearings for use by Probate Judges. He shared that the goal of the committee was to develop a guide that included best practices as well as guided the courts on when hearings must be held in person by statute. He also highlighted that C.G.S. section 45a-7 allows for judges to hold hearings outside their probate district such as at a hospital or nursing home but that the judge must request a citation if not located in the state.

Procedures Review

Judge Randich reported that the next meeting is the first Monday in December 2026 at PCA.

Court Security

Judge Hoyle reported that the next meeting is November 9, 2026, at 10 a.m. at PCA.

NCPJ

Judge McCaffrey reported that the fall conference is November 11-14, 2026 in Hilton Head, SC. The Spring Conference is in Phoenix, AZ in May, 2027.

6. Comments of the Probate Court Administrator:

Judge Streit reported the following:

- She wanted to thank the Planning Committee for developing the Bench Guide
- The Chief Justice has created a Behavioral Health Court Task Force and has appointed Judge Streit and Judge Carchia to serve on it..
- She is also serving on a legislative working group on supported decision-making.
- On the legislative front, PCA is meeting with leadership and legislative body regarding our biennial budget.
- The CMS Redesign project is ongoing and still in the development and testing phases.

7. Comments of the President Judge:

Judge Randich shared that he was filling in for President Judge Jalowiec and had no specific remarks.

8. Other Business:

None.

9. Adjournment:

Judge Hoyle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Judge Lewis and unanimously carried. The Assembly adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hon. Ariana F. Ceneviva
Secretary