CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

Regular Meeting
November 18, 2026
12:15 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**:
The meeting was called to order by Judge Jalowiec at 12:16 pm.

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

3. **Approval of the minutes of the September 23, 2026 Meeting** :
A motion was made by Judge Lewis and seconded by Judge Hoyle to approve the minutes of the last Assembly meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Treasurer's Quarterly Report**
Judge Hoyle presented the Treasurer's Report for the first quarter of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. A motion was made by Judge DaSilva, seconded by Judge Shaikh and unanimously carried to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

5. **Committee Reports:**

Continuing Education
Judge Lewis reported that today's Judges Institute is the last program for 2026. She thanked all the Judges who have participated in the seminars this year. The next committee meeting is on December 16, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. at the PCA Library.

Ethics
Judge Brandt reported that the meetings for 2027 have not been scheduled yet.

Legislative
No report.

Planning
Judge Hoyle stated there was no report.

Procedures Review
Judge Randich reported that the next meeting is on December 7, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the PCA Library.

Court Security
Judge Hoyle reported that there was no quorum at the last meeting on November 9. The next meeting will be held in May 2027.

NCPJ

Judge McCaffrey reported that they had a great fall conference in Hilton Head, SC. The Spring Conference is in Phoenix, AZ in May 2027.

6. Remarks of the Probate Court Administrator:

Judge Streit encouraged all judges to join or renew membership in the NCPJ and to timely respond to PCA Kia Bryan's email regarding membership. She welcomed the five (5) new Judges-elect:

- Mark Balaban(Region 14)
- Francisco Cardona (Darien-New Canaan)
- Kate Cerrone (Northeast)
- Lauren McNamara (Niantic Regional)
- Tom Robinson (Greater Manchester)

She then recognized each of our retiring judges who did not seek re-election and thanked them for their years of service and dedication to the Probate Court system: Judges Jennifer Berkenstock, William Osterndorf, Jeffrey McNamara, and Michael Darby.

She thanked all Judges who have participated and presented during the past year's seminars and encouraged continued sharing of knowledge.

On the legislative front, she noted there will be significant changes in the upcoming session especially with respect to the Judiciary Committee which is the Probate Courts's committee of cognizance in addition to the Appropriations Committee.

She echoed the advice of Legislative Committee Co-Chair Judge Fox and urged all Probate Judges to reach out to their local representatives and senators to share with them what the work of the Probate Courts is and our needs. And finally, she shared updates on the new CMS redesign which is currently being tested by a number of judges and court staff.

7. Remarks of the President Judge:

- He congratulated all our new judges as well as our current judges that are continuing to serve.
- He shared his appreciation for the seminars and believes that we should all engage and learn from one another to become better judges.

8. Other Business:

None.

9. Adjournment:

Judge Hoyle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Judge Lewis and unanimously

carried. The Assembly adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hon. Ariana F. Ceneviva
Secretary