

Minutes of the Meeting
Code of Evidence Oversight Committee of the Supreme Court
January 5, 2026

On Monday, January 5, 2026, the Code of Evidence Oversight Committee met remotely via Microsoft Teams from 3:00 p.m. to 3:44 p.m. The meeting was livestreamed on the Judicial Branch's YouTube channel. The video recording is available at:

<https://youtu.be/pqzgZ4B18Oo?si=RsGLjnVOleke8IuJ>

Members in attendance were:

Hon. Hope C. Seeley, Chairperson
Hon. Barbara B. Jongbloed
Hon. José A. Suarez

Attorney Robert B. Adelman
Attorney Timothy F. Costello
Attorney Darren Cunningham
Attorney Michael Gailor
Attorney Jack G. Steigelfest

Also participating were Professor Julia Simon-Kerr of the University of Connecticut Law School and academic advisor to the Committee, Attorney Eric Levine, Reporter of Judicial Decisions, Attorney Jillian Greenbacker, Assistant Counsel to the Code of Evidence Oversight Committee of the Supreme Court, and Attorney Lori Petruzzelli, Counsel to the Committee. Judge Kimberely P. Massicotte and Attorneys Jennifer L. Bourn, John R. Gulash and Eliot D. Prescott were not in attendance at this meeting.

1. The Honorable Hope C. Seeley called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on October 27, 2025. Attorney Gailor abstained from voting.
3. The Committee considered a proposal to amend Conn. Code Evid. § 6-11, consistent with the Connecticut Supreme Court's opinion in *State v. Adam P.*, 351 Conn. 213, 330 A.3d 73 (2025). Judge Seeley presented the Committee with the draft proposal by the subcommittee, which was formed at the meeting of October 27, 2025. After discussion, the matter was tabled to the next meeting to allow Judge Jongbloed to draft revisions to the proposal. (CEO # [2025-001](#))
4. The Committee considered a proposal to create a new rule regarding motions in limine. Judge Massicotte's opposition to the proposal was shared, in her absence, with the

Committee. After discussion, the matter was tabled to the next meeting, pending further consultation with Chief Justice Raheem L. Mullins and Justice William Bright, Jr., Chair of the Rules Committee of the Superior Court, and to afford Attorney Prescott the opportunity to address the Committee. (CEOCC # [2025-002](#)).

5. The Committee discussed a proposal to amend Conn. Code Evid. § 8-5, to modernize references to videotape and audiotape. See *State v. Hamilton*, 352 Conn. 317, 324 n. 8, 336 A.3d 1188 (2025). After discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to submit Conn. Code Evid. § 8-5, and the commentary thereto, as amended, (in the form attached hereto as Appendix A) to the Supreme Court for consideration. (CEOCC # [2025-003](#)).
6. The Committee set the next meeting date for Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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