

Minutes  
Public Service and Trust Commission  
Jury Committee

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The Public Service and Trust Commission, Jury Committee met in the Fourth Floor Conference Room 4B at 225 Spring Street, Wethersfield, CT on May 14, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

*Present:* Hon. Linda K. Lager, Hon. Frank M. D’Addabbo, Jr., Hon. Barbara Bellis, Attorney Karen A. Berris, Attorney Michael R. Corsello, Attorney Karen A. Goodrow, Attorney Kyle Harrell, Hon. Maureen M. Keegan, Hon. Aaron Ment, Attorney Ralph Monaco, Attorney William Sadek, Dean Brad Saxton, Hon. Carl J. Schuman, Hon. Dan Shaban, Attorney Richard A. Silver, Attorney Jessica Torres, and Attorney Michael Walsh

*Not Present:* Attorney Mathew Auger, Attorney Timothy Patrick Brady, Hon. J. Robert Devlin, Jr., Hon. Julia DiCocco Dewey, Attorney Ernest J. Mattei, Attorney Cesar A. Noble, Hon. Nicola E. Rubinow, Attorney Daniel E. Ryan III, Attorney Jay H. Sandak, Hon. Michael R. Sheldon, Attorney Lawrence Tytla, Mr. David Ward, and Nicholas J. Cimmino, Esq.

The Jury Committee was called to order at approximately 1:27 p.m. by Hon. Linda K. Lager, Jury Committee Chair.

1. Judge Lager welcomed the committee members and addressed the purpose of the meeting:
  - To offer comments and observations on other subcommittee recommendations so the recommendations can be refined if necessary.
  - Judge Lager stated that she and Judge D’Addabbo will review overlapping recommendations among the four subcommittees.
2. Upon motion and second, the minutes from the March 26, 2009 Jury Committee meeting were unanimously approved.
3. Upon motion and second, the minutes from the April 20, 2009 Jury Committee meeting were unanimously approved.
4. Judge Lager thanked all the committee members for their hard work. Comments were then addressed on each subcommittee’s recommendations.
5. The six Before Court Appearance Subcommittee recommendations were addressed first:
  - Dean Saxton offered comments on recommendation two (juror utilization), five (media), and four (jury service)
  - Judge Bellis offered comments on recommendation three (employment information), and two (juror utilization)
6. The four Arrival Subcommittee recommendations were addressed:
  - Judge Schuman offered comments on overlapping recommendations two (pre-screening) and three (facilities and logistics).
  - Dean Saxton proposed that more positive language be used in the juror orientation template.

- Attorney Berris commented on overlapping recommendation four (orientation video).
- Judge Keegan agreed with pre-screening jurors, but suggests caution be used in excusing jurors through pre-screening.
- Attorney Sadek commented on pre-screening jurors.

7. The seven Voir Dire Subcommittee recommendations were addressed:

- Dean Saxton commented on overlapping recommendation seven (alternate jurors). Attorney Goodrow and Judge Schuman also commented on alternate jurors.
- Judge D'Addabbo read written comments regarding overlapping confidentiality recommendations that were previously provided by Judge Devlin who was not in attendance.

8. The twenty one Selected Jurors Subcommittee recommendations were addressed:

- Comments were offered on several of the subcommittee's recommendations, including recommendation two (juror note taking), recommendation fourteen (certificates of appreciation), nine (witness questions), eleven (sequential experts), thirteen (juror counseling), sixteen (alternate jurors), eighteen (juror privacy), and twenty (juror use of electronic devices).

9. Judge Lager reviewed deadline information. The subcommittees must submit their recommendations no later than June 4, 2009. Each committee should only submit a new set of recommendations if changes are made. The final recommendations of the committee will be submitted to the decision makers on or about June 15, 2009.

10. Judge Lager addressed questions regarding the final report. She and Judge D'Addabbo will edit and combine overlapping recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.