

PYSCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD HEARING MINUTES for: July 24, 2026

**CVH, Page Hall, Rm. 217, Middletown, CT
Vanessa Cardella, LCSW, Executive Director**

ACQUITTEE	HEARING PURPOSE (H)/ BOARD CONFERENCE (BC)	HEARING OUTCOME (H) / BOARD CONFERENCE (BC)	BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT = ✓ (R) = recused
Martin West	Initial Commitment (Conn. Gen. Stat. §17a-583)	Confined to Whiting Service.	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D.,ABPP (✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. (✓) Ryan Flannagan, MD (✓) Judge Joseph Marino (A) Wakana Hirota, LCSW
Arthur Elliot	Mandatory Review (Conn. Gen. Stat. §17a-585)	Remains confined to Dutcher Service	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D.,ABPP (✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. (✓) Ryan Flannagan, MD (✓) Judge Joseph Marino (A) Wakana Hirota, LCSW
Brian Pagnam	Mandatory Review (Conn. Gen. Stat. §17a-585) and Application for Temporary Leave (Conn. Gen. Stat. §17a-587)	Board approves Application for Temporary Leave	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D.,ABPP (✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. (✓) Ryan Flannagan, MD (✓) Judge Joseph Marino (A) Wakana Hirota, LCSW
James Ward	Petition for Continued Commitment (Conn. Gen. Stat. §17a-593)	Board recommends 10 years of Continued Commitment to the Court.	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D.,ABPP (✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. (✓) Ryan Flannagan, MD (✓) Judge Joseph Marino (A) Wakana Hirota, LCSW

* All decisions unanimous unless otherwise specified.

*A= absent