

PYSCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD HEARING MINUTES for: June 12, 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
Krishna Hayes	Initial Commitment (Conn. Gen. Stat. §17a-583)	Remains confined to Whiting. Unanimous decision.	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D., ABPP (A) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. (✓) Ryan Flannagan, MD (A) Judge Joseph Marino (A) Wakana Hirota, LCSW
Joseph Benton	Mandatory Review (Conn. Gen. Stat. §17a-585) AND Application for Temporary Leave, filed by Whiting Forensic Hospital (Conn. Gen. Stat. §17a-587) received May 11, 2026	Board approves Temporary Leave. Unanimous decision.	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D., ABPP (A) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. (✓) Ryan Flannagan, MD (A) Judge Joseph Marino (A) Wakana Hirota, LCSW
Jesse Gonzales	Mandatory Review (Conn. Gen. Stat. §17a-585) AND Application for Temporary Leave (Phase 1) received April 14, 2026	Board approves Temporary Leave. Unanimous decision.	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D., ABPP (A) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. (✓) Ryan Flannagan, MD (A) Judge Joseph Marino (A) Wakana Hirota, LCSW

* All decisions unanimous unless otherwise specified.

*A= absent

****No quorum, hearings closed (votes taken) on June 26, 2026