

PYSCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD HEARING MINUTES for: May 29, 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
Joseph Schiavone	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 (✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW
Joseph Deschamps	Mandatory Review (Conn. Gen. Stat. §17a-585) and Application for Conditional release filed by Whiting Forensic Hospital (C.G.S., Sec. 17a-588) received May 13, 2025	Board approves Conditional Release.	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D.,ABPP (✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. (✓) Ryan Flannagan, MD (✓) Judge Joseph Marino (✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW
Benjamin Nash	Mandatory Review (Conn. Gen. Stat. §17a-585) AND Application for Temporary Leave (Phase 1) received April 14, 2026	Board approves Phase 1 of Temporary Leave.	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D.,ABPP (✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. (✓) Ryan Flannagan, MD (✓) Judge Joseph Marino (✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW
Katherine Craig	Application for Modification of Conditional Release (Conn. Gen. Stat. §17a-591) submitted by SMHA dated May 1, 2026 STIPULATED	Board approves change in residence.	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D.,ABPP (✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. (✓) Ryan Flannagan, MD (✓) Judge Joseph Marino (✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW
Marvin Mathis	Application for Modification of Conditional Release (Conn. Gen. Stat. §17a-591) submitted by CHR dated May 14, 2026 STIPULATED	Board approves change in residence.	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D.,ABPP (✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. (✓) Ryan Flannagan, MD (✓) Judge Joseph Marino (✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW

* All decisions unanimous unless otherwise specified.

*A= absent