

PYSCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD HEARING MINUTES for: January 9, 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
Addison Bennings	Mandatory Review (Conn. Gen. Stat. §17a-585)	Remains confined to Dutcher Service. Unanimous vote.	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D.,ABPP (✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. (✓) Ryan Flanagan, MD () VACANT (✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW
Arturo Bell	Mandatory Review (Conn. Gen. Stat. §17a-585)	Remains confined to Dutcher Service. Unanimous vote.	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D.,ABPP (✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. (✓) Ryan Flanagan, MD () VACANT (✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW
Katherine Craig	Mandatory Review (Conn. Gen. Stat. §17a-585)	Remains on Conditional Release. Unanimous vote.	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D.,ABPP (✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. (✓) Ryan Flanagan, MD () VACANT (✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW
Brandon Jones	Mandatory Review (Conn. Gen. Stat. §17a-585) and Revocation of Conditional Release on December 9, 2025 (Conn. Gen. Stat. §17a-594)	Board terminates Conditional Release and orders confinement at Dutcher Service. Unanimous vote.	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D.,ABPP (✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. (✓) Ryan Flanagan, MD () VACANT (✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW
Stevens Kenneth	Review of Reports from Dr. Catherine Lewis and Dr. Eric Frazer	Board acknowledges report as part of Administrative Record. Unanimous vote.	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D.,ABPP (✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. (✓) Ryan Flanagan, MD () VACANT (✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW
Roy Sastrom	Application for Discharge (Conn. Gen. Stat. §17a-593) filed by Jennifer Walters, Attorney on December 8, 2025	Board recommends the Court deny the Application. Unanimous vote.	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D.,ABPP (✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. (✓) Ryan Flanagan, MD () VACANT (✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW
Ling Xin Wu	Travel Request dated December 29, 2025	Board approved travel request. Unanimous vote.	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D.,ABPP (✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. (✓) Ryan Flanagan, MD () VACANT (✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW
Kenneth Stevens	Mandatory Review (Conn. Gen. Stat. §17a-585) AND Application for Discharge filed by William O'Connor Conn. Gen. Stat. §17a-	Remains on Conditional Release. Board denies modification. Board recommends Court deny	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D.,ABPP (✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. (✓) Ryan Flanagan, MD () VACANT

	<p>593) received on September 3, 2025, AND Application for Modification of Conditional Release filed by William O'Connor dated September 17, 2025 (Conn. Gen. Stat. §17a-591). BOARD DELIBERATIONS FROM October 24, 2025 HEARINGS</p>	<p>application for discharge. All unanimous votes.</p>	<p>(✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW</p>
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