

PYSCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD HEARING MINUTES for: October 24, 2025

**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
Kenneth Stevens	Mandatory Review (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 17a-585) AND Application for Discharge filed by William O'Connor Conn. Gen. Stat. § 17a-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). (H)	Remained open as Board required more information.	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D., ABPP (✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. () Ryan Flanagan, M.D. () VACANT (✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW
William McFadden	Mandatory Review (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 17a-585) (H)	Remains confined to Dutcher Service. Unanimous vote.	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D., ABPP (✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. () Ryan Flanagan, M.D. () VACANT (✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW
Ernest Lattimore	Mandatory Review (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 17a-585) (H)	Remains confined to Dutcher Service. Unanimous vote.	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D., ABPP (✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. () Ryan Flanagan, M.D. () VACANT (✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW
Dontae Johnson	Mandatory Review (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 17a-585) at Board request (H)	Remains on Conditional Release with contingencies. Unanimous vote.	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D., ABPP (✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. () Ryan Flanagan, M.D. () VACANT (✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW
Abraham Israel	Application for Modification of Conditional Release, filed by SMHA (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 17a-591) received October 3, 2025 STIPULATED (H)	Board approves modification allowing Mr. Israel to self administer medications. Unanimous vote.	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D., ABPP (✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. () Ryan Flanagan, M.D. () VACANT (✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW
Lori Fappiano	Applications for Modification of Conditional Release (2), filed by WCMHN-Danbury (Conn. Gen. Stat. §17a-591) received October 7, 2025 STIPULATED (H)	Board approves modification to reduce toxicology screening and modify means of testing. Unanimous vote.	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D., ABPP (✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. () Ryan Flanagan, M.D. () VACANT (✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW
James Ward	Review of Special Report submitted by WFH dated October 14, 2025 (BC)	Board accepts report as written. Unanimous vote.	(✓) Michael Pepper, Esq. (✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D., ABPP (✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S. () Ryan Flanagan, M.D. () VACANT (✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW