

State of Connecticut General Assembly



Justice of the Peace Working Group

Minutes

Thursday, October 22, 2026

I. Opening

- Secretary of the State Stephanie Thomas called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.
- Members present: Stephanie Thomas, Mike Pohl.
- Guests: Loretta Jay.

II. Introductory Remarks

- Members introduced themselves and their professional backgrounds.
- Secretary Thomas provided a brief legislative history of P.A. 26-141 and the impetus behind the working group.

III. Discussion

- Members and guest Loretta Jay discussed the current shortcomings in existing law covering justices of the peace.
- Loretta Jay discussed oversight of justices of the peace in other states and best practices that can be implemented in Connecticut.
- Members stated their desire to invite expert representatives to future meetings.

IV. Discussion on Future Meetings

- Secretary Thomas stated that she anticipates that the group will meet approximately 3-5 times before it is ready to begin drafting its report. She stated that she is hopeful that more appointments will be made before the next meeting to enable the group to begin substantive discussions.
- Secretary Thomas stated she anticipates scheduling the next meeting for the week of November 16th. The date will be confirmed once more members have been appointed.

V. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.