

Public Service and Trust Commission - Jury Committee  
Voir Dire Subcommittee

Room 133  
225 Spring Street  
Wethersfield, CT

April 21, 2009  
8:45 a.m.

Draft Minutes, Not Yet Approved

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Those in attendance: Hon. Carl J. Schuman (chair), Attorney Timothy Patrick Brady, Attorney Michael Corsello, Hon. Maureen M. Keegan, Attorney Richard Silver, Hon. Linda K. Lager, Jury Committee Liaison.

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 a.m.

1. Approval of minutes. The draft minutes of the subcommittee meeting of March 5, 2009 were considered.. A correction was made to the time of adjournment from approximately 5:30 p.m. to approximately 4:45 p.m.

After further consideration, the minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Summary and Review. Judge Schuman presented a summary and review of the Jury Committee meeting of March 26, 2009 and identified two areas of overlap with other subcommittees:

- Use of alternate jurors;
- Pre-screening

After discussion, the subcommittee decided it will offer its recommendations on these issues.

3. Review of draft recommendations. The subcommittee defined the following seven recommendations it will make to the full Jury Committee:

- Re-using jurors;
- Standardizing procedures for holding and destroying Confidential Juror Questionnaires;
- Judicial supervision of all voir dire;
- Pre-screening of jurors
- Voluntary use of panel (box) voir dire in criminal and civil cases;
- Improve juror confidentiality;
- Make better use of alternate jurors.

Recommendations will be written and circulated among all members.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.