

Minutes
Public Service and Trust Commission
Steering Committee
April 9, 2008

The Steering Committee of the Public Service and Trust Commission met in the 4th floor conference room at the Waterbury Judicial District Courthouse located at 400 Grand Street, Waterbury, CT on April 9, 2008.

Those in attendance: Hon. Patrick Carroll, Attorney Joseph D. D'Alesio, Hon. Alexandra DiPentima (Chair), Atty. Melissa Farley, Hon. Douglas C. Mintz, Hon. Barbara Quinn, Atty. Frederic Ury, and Atty. Dawne Westbrook.

The meeting was called to order at 3:25 PM by Judge DiPentima.

1. Approval of minutes - Upon motion and second, the minutes were unanimously approved.
2. Vision, Mission and Values Committee – Judge Mintz reported on the work of the Vision, Mission and Values Committee. The committee met last week and added the “why” portion to the mission statement. They also have a first draft of a vision statement and have begun to work on developing values based on the information from the focus groups. A discussion ensued as to some of the wording of the vision statement and the substance of that discussion will be conveyed to the committee for their consideration. The committee will also come up with some ideas or activities to make the values meaningful and real to the people who work in the Branch. The committee next meets on April 11th.
3. Review of Committees –There was a brief discussion of what would occur with respect to activities and the completed strategic plan. The substance of that discussion was that committees may suggest some activities, but the majority of them will come from the office of the chief court administrator. Those activities will be part of the implementation plan that will be distributed to the entire commission. Some of the activities will be accomplished quickly; others will require more time; but the commission will meet again some time next year to review a report of what has been done. The strategic plan will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Judges in June, but the Chief Justice may present some information about what is coming at the Connecticut Bar Association meeting and at the meeting of the Connecticut Bar Foundation at the end of April.
4. The outcome goal, rationale, and strategies from each committee were then reviewed. The committee members reviewed each committee’s material and discussed it in detail. The strategies and rationales engendered lengthy and intense discussions regarding such concepts as judicial independence, accountability, and cultural competency. Suggestions for revisions, relocation, clarifications, or additions were made and discussed. Additional anecdotes for inclusion were suggested. This information will be provided to the committees for their consideration.
5. The committee will meet again on May 13th at 3:30. Any further comments or questions that occur to people after this meeting should be emailed to the group.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.