



**CONNECTICUT PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY**  
**Minutes, Annual Meeting**  
**June 18, 2025,**  
**New Haven, CT**

Called to order by President Paul Bryant, MD

President's remarks

The minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting were presented for approval.

President-Elect Jessica Abellard, MD gave the treasurers' report in place of Ayala Danzig, MD.

Legislative Chair Katherine Kennedy, MD and Eric Gjede gave the legislative report.

Dr. Charles Dike presented the Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers, filling in for the Nominations Chair Dr. John Santopietro.

The leadership council nominee slate included:

- President-Elect, Andrew Gerber, M.D., Ph.D.;
- Secretary, Sadiq Naveed, M.D.;
- Treasurer, Marco Michael, M.D.;
- Councilors-at-large: Olalekan Olaolu, M.D., M.P.H., and Kaosoluchi Enendu, M.D., M.B.A.;
- Early Career Professionals (ECP) Representatives Zachary Lenane, M.D., M.P.H., and Ignacio Cerdeña, M.D.; Resident Representatives Yasmin Rawlins, M.D., Shreyas Deshmukh, M.D., and Maurice Morgan, M.D.; Assembly Representative: Paul Bryant, M.D.

The slate passed unanimously.

Awards presented:



- Dr. Armah and Ismene Petrakis, MD, presented the first Michael J. Seryak Award for Advancing Well-Being In People With Serious Mental Illness, awarded to Aniyizhai Annamalai, MBBS, MD.

The CPS promotional video premiered.

Andrew Gerber made two introductions. First, he introduced Sen. Jason Perillo, who discussed working with allies at the state Capitol. He then introduced Keynote speaker Meiram Bendat, JD, PhD, who discussed mental health parity laws.

Dr. Jessica Abellard, MD, took office as president. The meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Don Knox, Executive Director*