

Guardianship and Conservatorship Program Regulations

007 Board Meetings

007.1 The Board shall hold meetings as determined to be necessary by the Chair. The Board, its members, committees, and any action taken to further the Board's purpose, including but not limited to holding meetings, are not subject to chapter 42.30 RCW, the Open Public Meetings Act. Nothing in these regulations should be construed to imply that the Board is subject to the Open Public Meetings Act. The following guidelines should not impede the Board's ability to fulfill its obligations and duties as defined in these regulations.

007.2 Meetings of the Board will be open to the public except for executive sessions. The Board may meet in executive session for the following: application and certification matters, disciplinary matters, enforcement actions, litigation, potential litigation, and other attorney-client privileged communications. The Board may also meet in executive session for any other matter that is deemed privileged or confidential. The decision to deem a matter privileged or confidential shall be by vote of a quorum of the Board.

007.3 The Board shall publish the date and time of its regular meetings on the AOC guardianship portal website. The Board shall publish the date and time of its regular meetings at least thirty (30) days in advance. In the event of changes due to emergent circumstances, the Board shall provide notice as soon as reasonably practicable. A public comment session will occur at the Board's January, April, June and October meetings. The public may submit written comments to the Board at any time. The Board shall promulgate regulations regarding notice and comment requirements for regulations adoption, amendment and repeal that provide for stakeholder notice and comment.

007.4 Before convening in executive session, the meeting chair shall publicly inform the public that it is initiating a meeting that excludes the public, and the time when that executive session will conclude. The meeting chair may extend the executive session by informing the public of the adjusted timeframe.