



Certified Professional Guardianship Board
Monday, March 9, 2015 (8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.)
Telephone Conference

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Judge James Lawler, Chair
Commissioner Diana Kiesel
Mr. Gary Beagle
Ms. Nancy Dapper
Mr. William Jaback
Ms. Carol Sloan
Mr. Gerald Tarutis
Ms. Amanda Witthauer

Members Absent

Dr. Barbara Cochrane
Commissioner Rachelle Anderson
Ms. Rosslyn Bethmann
Mr. Andrew Heinz

Staff

Ms. Shirley Bondon
Ms. Carla Montejo
Ms. Kim Rood

1. Call to Order

Judge Lawler called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Judge Lawler welcomed everyone to the meeting, with a special welcome to Amanda Witthauer, a new Board member and a Certified Professional Guardian.

3. Board Business

Approval of Minutes

- Judge Lawler asked for changes or corrections to the proposed minutes from the January 12, 2015 meeting.

Motion: *A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 12, 2015 minutes. The motion passed.*

4. Chair's Report

- Judge Lawler reported that he met with Chief Justice Barbara Madsen and Justice Susan Owens and began a dialogue about guardianship grievances, the organization of the Board, how the Board is functioning and possible plans regarding the future of the Board.

One possible alternative to the current regulation of professional guardians is oversight by the Department of Social & Health Services, specifically Adult Protective Services or the Department of Licensing.

The possible appointment of a guardianship ombudsperson was also discussed. As currently envisioned, the ombudsperson would employ an informal process to bring the grievant and the guardian together to remedy a

grievance involving the conduct of a professional guardian. If successful, a formal complaint would not be filed. Judge Lawler stressed the preliminary nature of these ideas.

Judge Lawler informed the Board that Sally Rees, guardian grievance investigator, is no longer with the CPG Board. He hopes the Administrative Office of the Courts will start the recruitment process to fill that position soon.

Finally, Judge Swisher resigned from the Board. The Board is seeking a judicial officer to fill the board vacancy created by Judge Swisher's resignation.

5. Executive Session (Closed to Public)

6. Reconvene and Vote on Executive Session Discussion (Open to the public)

Applications Committee

On behalf of the Applications Committee, Mr. Jaback presented all applications for certification.

Motion: *A motion was made and seconded to conditionally approve Pete Brulla's application for certification. The motion passed.*

Motion: *A motion was made and seconded to conditionally approve Diana Chernofsky's application for certification. The motion passed.*

Motion: *A motion was made and seconded to conditionally approve Chris Jackman's application for certification. The motion passed.*

Motion: *A motion was made and seconded to deny Ursula Kenny's application for certification. The motion passed.*

Motion: *A motion was made and seconded to conditionally approve Rachel Rivera's application for certification. The motion passed.*

Motion: *A motion was made and seconded to conditionally approve Jana Worthington's application for certification. The motion passed.*

7. Wrap Up and Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13th, 2015 at the SeaTac Facility.

Recap of Motions from March 9, 2015 Meeting

Motion Summary	Status
<i>Motion: A motion was made and seconded to conditionally approve Pete Brulla's application for certification. The motion passed</i>	Passed
<i>Motion: A motion was made and seconded to conditionally approve Diana Chernofsky's application for certification. The motion passed.</i>	Passed
<i>Motion: A motion was made and seconded to conditionally approve Chris Jackman's application for certification. The motion passed.</i>	Passed
<i>Motion: A motion was made and seconded to deny Ursula Kenny's application for certification. The motion passed.</i>	Passed
<i>Motion: A motion was made and seconded to conditionally approve Rachel Rivera's application for certification. The motion passed.</i>	Passed
<i>Motion: A motion was made and seconded to conditionally approve Jana Worthington's application for certification. The motion passed.</i>	Passed