



Certified Professional Guardianship Board

Monday, September 11, 2017

Teleconference

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Judge James Lawler, Chair
Commissioner Rachelle Anderson
Ms. Rosslyn Bethmann
Dr. Barbara Cochran
Mr. Jerald Fireman
Judge Gayle Harthcock
Mr. William Jaback
Ms. Victoria Kesala
Commissioner Diana Kiesel
Dr. K. Penney Sanders
Ms. Carol Sloan
Ms. Barbara West
Ms. Amanda Witthauer

Staff

Ms. Shirley Bondon
Ms. Kathy Bowman
Ms. Carla Montejo
Ms. Kim Rood
Ms. Eileen Schock

Online Guests

Mr. Tom Goldsmith
Mr. Chester Newman
Ms. Susan Titus

1. Meeting Called to Order, Welcome, Roll Call and Approval of Minutes

Judge James Lawler called the Certified Professional Guardianship Board (CPGB) meeting to order at 8:02 am. Judge Lawler entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2017 CPGB meeting. A motion was made and seconded. None opposed. Abstaining were Judge Harthcock, Commissioner Kiesel, Ms. Sloan and Mr. Jaback. The minutes were approved as written.

Motion: *A motion was made and seconded to approve the August 14, 2017 minutes. Judge Harthcock, Commissioner Kiesel, Ms. Sloan and Mr. Jaback abstained. The minutes were approved as written.*

2. Chair's Report

The chair did not make a report.

3. Updates – Grievance Status Report

Staff reported that during the past month, nine certified professional guardian (CPG) grievances were resolved and five new grievances were received, reducing the total number of grievances needing investigation from 133 to 129. Staff also reported that during the past reporting period, four grievances were dismissed by the Standards of Practice Committee (SOPC), violations were found in four grievances and are before the SOPC for further action. One grievance was

resolved when the CPG agreed to a Voluntary Surrender. Judge Lawler commented that this was a good trend of receiving fewer new grievances and resolving more grievances than in months past.

Judge Lawler asked for an update on the investigation of the CPG with seven grievances. Staff reported that one of the cases was dismissed by the SOPC and the other six cases are still under investigation. A member of the Board asked if the court is notified when a CPG receives multiple grievances. Staff replied it would not be fair to notify courts prior to an investigation just based on the fact that the guardian had prior grievances, unless there were issues of an emergency nature that the court needed to address.

4. Disciplinary Regulation 500

The Washington Association of Professional Guardians (WAPG) made a request for the Board to hold a public hearing in order to address or take comments on the proposed changes to Disciplinary Regulation 500 prior to making changes. There have been multiple opportunities to provide comments including at in-person Board meetings. The Board has solicited comments from the public numerous times. To date, only a few comments have been received, notably from WAPG, Bridge Builders (Mindi Blanchard and Brenda Carpenter), Ms. Lin O'Dell and David Weigelt.

Judge Lawler suggested allotting an hour for public comment at the October 16 in-person board meeting and depending on the number of people attending, allowing greater than the standard three minute time limit for comments. Some board members thought this may be a good time to allow for comments on the grievance procedure only. Speaker should focus on Regulation changes only. Staff was instructed to encourage those making comments to submit written comments.

Staff summarized and commented on the written comments received from CPG Lin O'Dell and WAPG. The comments and staff responses were provided in a table containing all comments received to-date.

5. Executive Session (Closed to Public)

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

On behalf of the Applications Committee, Ms. Barbara West presented the following application for Board approval. Members of the Applications Committee abstained.

Motion: *A motion was made and seconded to approve Carrie Sikorski's application for certification, conditional upon completion of the UW Guardianship Certificate Program. The motion passed.*

7. Wrap Up/Adjourn

Judge Lawler thanked the Board members for their attendance. The next meeting will be held in-person at the SeaTac office on October 16, 2017. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 am.

Recap of Motions from September 11, 2017 Teleconference

Motion Summary	Status
Motion: <i>A motion was made and seconded to approve the August 14, 2017 minutes. Judge Harthcock, Commissioner Kiesel, Ms. Sloan and Mr. Jaback abstained. The motion passed.</i>	Passed
Motion: <i>A motion was made and seconded to conditionally approve Carrie Sikorski's application for certification, upon completion of UW Certification Program. The motion passed.</i>	Passed