



Certified Professional Guardianship Board

Monday, March 11, 2019

Teleconference

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Judge Rachelle Anderson
Ms. Rosslyn Bethmann
Judge Grant Blinn
Ms. Rita Forster
Ms. Amanda Froh
Mr. William Jaback
Ms. Victoria Kesala
Commissioner Diana Kiesel
Judge Robert Lewis
Dr. K. Penney Sanders
Ms. Susan (Susie) Starrfield
Ms. Amanda Witthauer
Dr. Rachel Wrenn

Members Absent

Staff

Ms. Stacey Johnson
Ms. Kathy Bowman
Mr. Christopher Fournier
Ms. Carla Montejo
Ms. Kim Rood
Ms. Eileen Schock

Online Guests – see list on last page.

1. Meeting Called to Order

Judge Rachelle Anderson called the March 11, 2019 Teleconference to order at 8:03 am.

2. Welcome, Roll Call and Approval of Minutes

Roll was taken and Board members were welcomed. New Senior Program Analyst and Guardian Grievance Investigator Christopher Fournier was introduced and welcomed by the Board. Chris is familiar to many Board Members as he completed an Externship with the Administrative Office of the Courts in 2017. A 2017 Seattle University School of Law graduate, Chris was also admitted to the Washington State Bar in 2017.

There were no changes or additions suggested to the January 14, 2019 CPG Board meeting minutes. Bill Jaback moved to approve the minutes as drafted. Judge Lewis seconded. The motion passed. There were no abstentions.

Motion: *A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as drafted. The motion passed. There were no abstentions.*

3. Chair's Report

Judge Anderson reported on the status of the Second Substitute Senate Bill 5604, also known as the Uniform Guardianship Act, which will repeal RCW 11.88 and RCW 11.92 and have sweeping effects on RCW 26. The bill has passed through the House and has now moved to the Senate. The Superior Court Judges' Association has opposed the bill, feeling strongly that the UGA is no real improvement over the existing Code governing Title 11 Guardianships. The SCJA Guardianship and Probate Committee is working on pointing out suggestions rather than criticisms of the bill, although proposed changes have not yet been developed. Judge Anderson

asked for comments and/or suggestions and also invited Board members to attend Legislative hearings on this bill. The passage of this bill will require all new Regulations. The UW Certification program would also be impacted, and the UW has put the Board on notice that they will require a hiatus while their program is updated after court rule changes have been made over minor guardianships, protective arrangements and other GR23 updates.

A Board member asked if it was known how much it cost for all the time and work spent on ratifying GR23, bringing us to where we are, and what additional costs would be associated with the proposed UGA. Staff answered that a new Judicial Impact note was posted on Friday, March 8. Judge Anderson noted that there is a Legislative call every Friday, and there are changes each week. Judge Anderson asked if any Board members knew a bill sponsor and would be willing to speak with them. Rachel Wrenn mentioned that she knows Representative Laurie Jenkins and offered to speak with her and report back to the Board.

Staff reported on other current Legislation:

- ESHB1329, sponsored by Representative Christine Kilduff, expanding the authority of the Office of Public Guardianship to contract with guardians to provide least restrictive alternatives, and to implement a case weighting system for Office of Public Guardianship caseloads is still alive and well.
- 2SHB1422, sponsored by Representative Javier Valdez, concerning the protection of vulnerable adults, has not moved forward.
- SB5114, sponsored by Senator Steve O'Ban, creating a pilot program to provide the gravely disabled with individualized treatment, supervision and appropriate placement to support successful transition to the community, has not moved forward.

4. Guardian Grievance Report

Staff presented the Guardian Grievance status report. Judge Anderson warned members of the SOPC that while they may not have yet felt the impact of a third investigator on staff, they can anticipate becoming busier in the future, and to reach out to her if it is felt additional members are needed on that committee.

5. Executive Session (Closed to Public)

Judge Blinn excused himself from the Board meeting at 8:45 am

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

Decertifications

Roslyn Bethmann made a motion to Administratively Decertify Certified Professional Guardian Meghn Glass for failure to complete the annual Certification Renewal process. Rachel Wrenn seconded. The motion passed. There were no abstentions.

Motion *A motion was made and seconded to Administrative Decertify Meghn Glass for failure to complete the annual CPG Certification Renewal process. The motion passed. No abstentions.*

Continuing Education Regulation 208.2.1

On behalf of the Education Committee, Bill Jaback presented a request to revise Continuing Education Regulation 208.2.1 as follows:

All continuing education activities submitted on the Late Compliance Report must have transpired either (a) during the two-year reporting cycle or (b) by March 31st immediately following the reporting cycle, with the exception of earned carry-forward credits as described in 202.3. Credits reported on the Late Compliance Report form under 208.2.1(b) may not be used to comply with the minimum education requirement for any other reporting period.

Bill Jaback made a motion to post the proposed revision for public comment, review at the April 2019 CPG Board meeting and ratify by vote at the May 2019 meeting. Judge Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed. There were no abstentions. Staff will post the proposed change to Continuing Education Regulation 208.2.1 for public comment.

Motion: *A motion was made and seconded to post proposed revised Continuing Education Regulation 208.2.1 for public comment, review at the April 2019 CPG Board meeting and ratify by vote at the May 2019 meeting. The motion passed. No abstentions.*

Conflicts of Interest/Recusal Process

Judge Anderson reminded Board members that a Conflict of Interest and Recusal Process was drafted in 2014-2015 and is posted online. All members were asked to review this document, which clarifies specific issues. No new suggestions for updating the process were given. Judge Anderson requested that all Board members should have a copy of this document included in their handbooks.

7. Wrap Up/Adjourn

The next Certified Professional Guardianship Board meeting will be held in person at the SeaTac office on Monday, April 8, 2019. As there was no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 am.

Recap of Motions from March 11, 2019

Motion Summary		Status
Motion:	<i>A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 14, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed. No abstentions.</i>	Passed
Motion:	<i>A motion was made and seconded to Administratively Decertify Meghn Glass for failure to complete the annual CPG recertification process. The motion passed. No abstentions.</i>	Passed
Motion:	<i>A motion was made and seconded to post the proposed revised Continuing Education Regulation 208.2.1 for public comment, review comments at the April 2019 CPG Board</i>	Passed

<i>meeting and ratify by vote at the May 2019 meeting. The motion passed. No abstentions.</i>	
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Guests Telephonically

Ana Kemmerer

Caroline Wood, DSHS

Karen Newland

Lori Weeks

Tom Goldsmith