



Certified Professional Guardianship and Conservatorship Board

Monday, March 14, 2022
Zoom Meeting
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES	
Members Present	Members Absent
Judge Diana Kiesel, Chair	Ms. Melanie Maxwell
Judge Grant Blinn	Dr. Rachel Wrenn
Judge Robert Lewis	
Commissioner Cadine Ferguson-Brown ¹	Staff Present
Ms. Kristina Hammond	Ms. Stacey Johnson
Ms. Lisa Malpass	Ms. Kathy Bowman
Mr. William Reeves	Ms. Thai Kien
Dr. K. Penney Sanders	Mr. Samar Malik
Mr. Dan Smerken	Ms. Maureen Roberts
Ms. Susie Starrfield	Ms. Eileen Schock
Ms. Amanda Witthauer	Ms. Linda Vass
	Ms. Sherri White

Guests – See last page

1. Meeting Called to Order

Judge Diana Kiesel called the March 14, 2022 Certified Professional Guardianship and Conservatorship Board meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

2. Welcome, Roll Call, and Approval of Minutes

Judge Kiesel welcomed all present.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022 Board meeting as written. Ms. Hammond abstained. The motion passed.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2022 special Board meeting as written. Ms. Malpass abstained. The motion passed.

3. Chair’s Report

Judge Kiesel commented that the work of the Regulations Committee was never anticipated at this level. The Committee has met two to three times weekly, staff was asked to work on evenings and weekends, and she praised the exceptional commitment of those involved.

After reviewing history and seeking legal advice, the Board submitted its comments to the Supreme Court regarding proposed changes to GR23.

New Regulations have been in place now for only three months, and it is felt more time must be allowed before attempts are made to modify or change them again.

¹ Commissioner Ferguson-Brown joined the meeting at 8:08 a.m.

Staff has been directed to post Board Meeting minutes within a week of passing approval. In future, Committee Meeting minutes will also be posted for public review. At this time, Committee Meeting information is available upon request by contacting Stacey Johnson.

Judge Kiesel announced that at each long meeting, the Board will hear a stakeholder guest speaker. Mark Vohr will address the Board at the April 2022 meeting.

The first DEI Committee meeting was held last month. The Committee discussed recruitment and identifying new board members well before needed.

A budget request has been submitted for a self-care program for CPGCs. This has been a horrible two years for all. CPGCs have lost clients due to Covid, communication with clients has been difficult and every county requires compliance reports.

Dr. Wrenn and Judge Kiesel met with the UW Continuum College regarding the Certification Program, dialoging with many questions to assure the program is as robust as possible.

Judge Kiesel closed her report noting this will be a difficult year for the Board, but with respect, good dialog and active listening, the hope is to achieve good relationships and achieve our directive, which is to protect vulnerable adults.

Grievance Report

Staff reported there were eleven (11) new grievances received in February, for a total of thirteen (13) grievances received to date in 2022. Four (4) grievances were dismissed by the Board as having no jurisdiction or as incomplete with no signature.

A total thirty-seven (37) grievances received prior to 2022 are currently under active investigation. Two grievances received in 2021 were dismissed as having No Actionable Conduct. Two grievances received in 2021 are pending a Conflicts Review Committee review and resolution. One grievance received in 2020 and two grievances received in 2019 are pending a Hearing. One grievance received in 2016 is pending resolution by an Agreement Regarding Discipline. Two grievances received in 2020 have been forwarded to the court.

4. Regulations Committee Report:

The Regulations Committee continues to review the UGA for improvements that affect this Board. Suggested amendments to Regulation 103 Qualifications have been made and are ready to post for public comment.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to post Regulation 103 Qualifications for public comment. The motion passed.

5. Executive Session (Closed to the Public)

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

On behalf of the Applications Committee, Judge Robert Lewis presented the following application for certified professional guardian and conservator. The Applications Committee abstained.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to approve Maria Emerson's application, with transferable skills in financial. The motion passed.

On behalf of the Standards of Practice Committee, Judge Grant Blinn presented the following grievances for Board action. Members of the Standards of Practice Committee abstained.

- Motion:** A motion was made and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-008 as incomplete. The motion passed.
- Motion:** A motion was made and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-009 as incomplete. The motion passed.
- Motion:** A motion was made and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-010 as incomplete. The motion passed.
- Motion:** A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-011 to the Superior Court. The motion passed.
- Motion:** A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-012 to the Superior Court. The motion passed.
- Motion:** A motion was made and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-013 as incomplete. The motion passed.
- Motion:** A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-014 to the Superior Court. The motion passed.
- Motion:** A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-015 to the Superior Court. The motion passed.
- Motion:** A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-016 to the Superior Court. The motion passed.
- Motion:** A motion was made and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-017 as incomplete. Judge Lewis opposed. The motion passed.
- Motion:** A motion was made and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-018 as incomplete and for having no jurisdiction. The motion passed.
- Motion:** A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-019 to the Superior Court. The motion passed.
- Motion:** A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-020 to the Superior Court. The motion passed.
- Motion:** A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-021 to the Superior Court. The motion passed.
- Motion:** A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-022 to the Superior Court. The motion passed.

7. Wrap Up/Adjourn

With no other business to discuss, the March 14, 2022 Board meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m. The next meeting of the Board is on April 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Recap of Motions:

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Motion:	A motion was made and seconded to post Regulation 103 Qualifications for public comment.	Passed
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Motion:	A motion was made and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-008 as incomplete.	Passed
Motion:	A motion was made and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-009 as incomplete.	Passed
Motion:	A motion was made and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-010 as incomplete.	Passed
Motion:	A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-011 to the Superior Court.	Passed
Motion:	A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-012 to the Superior Court.	Passed
Motion:	A motion was made and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-013 as incomplete.	Passed
Motion:	A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-014 to the Superior Court.	Passed
Motion:	A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-015 to the Superior Court.	Passed
Motion:	A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-016 to the Superior Court.	Passed
Motion:	A motion was made and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-017 as incomplete. Judge Lewis opposed.	Passed
Motion:	A motion was made and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-018 as incomplete and for having no jurisdiction.	Passed
Motion:	A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-019 to the Superior Court.	Passed
Motion:	A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-020 to the Superior Court.	Passed
Motion:	A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-021 to the Superior Court.	Passed
Motion:	A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-022 to the Superior Court.	Passed

Guests:

Jennifer Mick
Puget Sound Guardians
Mark Vohr
Glenda Voller
Teresa Keough
Brenda Morales
Neil & Neil
Deborah Jameson