



Certified Professional Guardianship and Conservatorship Board

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

MEETING MINUTES	
Members Present	Members Absent
Judge Diana Kiesel, Chair	Commissioner Cadine Ferguson-Brown
Judge Grant Blinn	
Judge Robert Lewis	
Ms. Kristina Hammond ¹	
Ms. Lisa Malpass	Staff Present
Ms. Melanie Maxwell ²	Ms. Stacey Johnson
Mr. William Reeves	Ms. Kathy Bowman
Dr. K. Penney Sanders	Ms. Thai Kien
Mr. Dan Smerken	Mr. Samar Malik
Ms. Susie Starrfield	Ms. Maureen Roberts
Ms. Amanda Witthauer	Ms. Sherri White
	Ms. Linda Vass

Guests – See last page

1. Meeting Called to Order

Judge Kiesel called the May 9, 2022 Certified Professional Guardianship and Conservatorship Board meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

2. Welcome, Roll Call & Approval of Minutes

All present were welcomed and roll was called.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022 Board meeting as written. The motion passed.

3. Chair's Report

Judge Kiesel reported Dr. Rachel Wrenn has resigned from the Board for personal reasons and commented Dr. Wrenn's knowledge and insight will be missed. The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee is working on a proposal for the Board to approve a panel of experts for presentation at one of the Board's long meetings. Ms. Malpass has agreed to serve on the DEI Committee. The Standards of Practice (SOP) Committee has been a very busy committee since January, and special thanks go to Judge Blinn and Dr. Sanders. The Supreme Court has reconsidered recent changes to GR23, suspending the portion of the rule making the Board

¹ Ms. Hammond joined the meeting at 8:05 a.m.

² Ms. Maxwell joined the meeting at 8:13 a.m.

subject to the Open Public Meetings Act. At the June meeting, the Board will draft language that it will operate under the spirit of the Open Public Meetings Act.

4. Grievance Report

Staff reported 9 grievances were received during the month of April. One grievance was dismissed for no actionable conduct. To date, the Board dismissed 14 grievances received in 2022 as incomplete or for no jurisdiction, 20 grievances have been forwarded to the court and 1 grievance has been assigned to staff for investigation. A total sixty-two (62) grievances are currently unresolved.

5. Regulations Committee

The Board previously approved publication for notice and comment a proposed change to Application Regulation 103 Qualifications, to address the requisite documentation or certification of completion of High School or GED. No comments were received.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed change to Regulation 103. The motion passed.

The Board was asked to approve the publication for notice and comment, proposed changes to Certification Maintenance Regulation 708 Voluntary Surrender, to create a process for those retiring from the Certified Professional Guardianship and Conservatorship profession with acknowledgement, and change the terminology from “voluntary surrender” to “resignation of certification”.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to publish for notice and comment proposed changes to Regulation 708. The motion passed.

6. Executive Session (Closed to Public)

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

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

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to conditionally approve Thelma Clinton’s application, conditioned on the completion of the UW Certification Program, with transferable skills in healthcare and social services. The motion passed.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to conditionally approve Marina Richardson’s application, conditioned on the completion of the UW Certification Program, with transferable skills in social services. The motion passed.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to conditionally approve Wendy Werner’s application, conditioned on the completion of the UW Certification Program, 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 forward complete grievance 2022-033 to the Superior Court. The motion passed.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-034 for no jurisdiction. The motion passed.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-035 to the Superior Court. The motion passed.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-036 for no jurisdiction. The motion passed.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-037 to the Superior Court. The motion passed.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-038 to the Superior Court. The motion passed.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-039 to the Superior Court. The motion passed.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-040 to the Superior Court. The motion passed.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-041 for no jurisdiction. The motion passed.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-042 to the Superior Court. The motion passed.

Judge Grant Blinn presented the following Court Reviews for final Board action. Members of the Standards of Practice Committee abstained.

The Superior Court found in its review of grievance 2022-005, it was filed in other than good faith, attempting to circumvent an existing VAPO, and there was no guardianship in place during the period of alleged issues.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-005. The motion passed.

The Superior Court found in its review of grievance 2022-015, the individual was properly served, and the GAL has determined the individual requires guardianship.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-015. The motion passed.

Judge Grant Blinn presented the reconsideration of grievance 2022-007, previously dismissed as incomplete (unsigned). Members of the Standards of Practice Committee abstained.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to open an investigation of grievance 2022-007 to be undertaken by Board Staff. The motion passed.

Judge Grant Blinn presented grievance 2020-041, regarding a guardianship filed in Tribal Court. Members of the Standards of Practice Committee abstained.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to forward grievance 2020-41 to the Tribal Court and be revisited by the Board in 60? days. Judge Lewis opposed, as the grievance should be concurrently investigated by staff. The motion passed.

8. Wrap Up/Adjourn

The May 9, 2022 CPGC Board meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m. The next meeting of the Board is on June 13, 2022.

Recap of Motions:

MOTION SUMMARY	STATUS
A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022 Board meeting as written.	Passed
A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed change to Regulation 103.	Passed
A motion was made and seconded to publish for notice and comment proposed changes to Regulation 708.	Passed
A motion was made and seconded to conditionally approve Thelma Clinton's application, conditioned on the completion of the UW Certification Program, with transferable skills in healthcare and social services.	Passed
A motion was made and seconded to conditionally approve Marina Richardson's application, conditioned on the completion of the UW Certification Program, with transferable skills in social services.	Passed
A motion was made and seconded to conditionally approve Wendy Werner's application, conditioned on the completion of the UW Certification Program, with transferable skills in financial.	Passed
A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-033 to the Superior Court.	Passed
A motion was made and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-034 for no jurisdiction.	Passed
A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-035 to the Superior Court.	Passed
A motion was made and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-036 for no jurisdiction.	Passed
A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-037 to the Superior Court.	Passed
A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-038 to the Superior Court.	Passed
A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-039 to the Superior Court.	Passed

A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-040 to the Superior Court.	Passed
A motion was made and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-041 for no jurisdiction.	Passed
A motion was made and seconded to forward complete grievance 2022-042 to the Superior Court.	Passed
A motion was made and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-005.	Passed
A motion was made and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-015.	Passed
A motion was made and seconded to open an investigation of grievance 2022-007 to be undertaken by Board Staff.	Passed
A motion was made and seconded to forward grievance 2020-41 to the Tribal Court and be revisited by the Board in 60 days. Judge Lewis opposed, as the grievance should be concurrently investigated by staff.	Passed

Guests:

Samantha Hellwig, AAG
 Glenda Voller
 Chris Neil
 Deborah Jameson
 Frank Nelson
 Katlyn Balsam