



# Certified Professional Guardianship and Conservatorship Board

Monday, May 8, 2023

Zoom Meeting

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

## MEETING MINUTES

### Members Present

Judge Diana Kiesel, Chair  
Judge Grant Blinn  
Judge Cadine Ferguson-Brown<sup>1</sup>  
Judge Robert Lewis  
Ms. Lynda Clark<sup>2</sup>  
Ms. Kristina Hammond  
Ms. Lisa Malpass  
Ms. Melanie Maxwell<sup>3</sup>  
Mr. William Reeves  
Dr. K. Penney Sanders  
Mr. Dan Smerken  
Ms. Anita Souza

### Members Absent

Ms. Susie Starfield

### Staff Present

Ms. Stacey Johnson  
Ms. Kathy Bowman  
Ms. Thai Kien  
Ms. Kay King  
Mr. Samar Malik  
Ms. Maureen Roberts  
Ms. Rhonda Scott  
Ms. Sherri White

**Guests** – See last page

### 1. Meeting Called to Order

Judge Diana Kiesel called the May 8, 2023 Certified Professional Guardianship and Conservatorship Board meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

### 2. Welcome, Roll Call & Approval of Minutes

Judge Kiesel welcomed all present

Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve the April 10, 2023 Board meeting minutes. The motion passed. Not present: Melanie Maxwell, Judge Ferguson-Brown.

### 3. Executive Session (Closed to Public)

### 4. Reconvene (Open to Public)

### 5. Chair's Report

Judge Kiesel thanked the stakeholder who submitted comments on the bylaws. The Bylaws Committee has decided that the Board's bylaws will need substantial updates.

<sup>1</sup> Judge Ferguson-Brown joined at 7:55 a.m.

<sup>2</sup> Lynda Clark joined at 7:35 a.m.

<sup>3</sup> Melanie Maxwell joined at 7:40 a.m.

Judge Kiesel acknowledged potential conflict of interested with her role in a legislative committee and offered to stop work on the committee until after her service with the Board if a conflict is perceived.

## **6. Grievance Report**

Ms. Scott reported six (6) grievances were received during the month of April. At April's meeting, the Board dismissed one (1) grievance and forwarded one (1) grievances to superior court. A total thirty-nine (39) grievances are currently unresolved. Currently, there are two hundred fifty-one (251) active CPGCs.

## **7. Vote on Executive Session Discussion**

On behalf of the Applications Committee, Judge Robert Lewis presented the following applications for certification. The Application Committee abstained.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to deny Jill Larsen's application for certification for lack of experience with decision making or use of independent judgement on the behalf of others. The motion failed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to conditionally approve Jill Larsen's application for certification, conditioned on the completion of mandatory training, with transferable skills in social services. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to deny Roslynn Jackson's application for certification for lack of experience with decision making or use of independent judgement on behalf of others. 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: It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-017 for no jurisdiction. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to forward complete grievance 2023-018 to court.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to forward complete grievance 2023-019 to court. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to forward complete grievance 2023-020 to court. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to have staff investigate complete grievance 2023-021 under GR23. The motion passed. Dan Smerken opposed..

Motion: It was moved and seconded to forward complete grievance 2023-022 to court. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to forward complete grievance 2023-023 to court. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-026 based on findings and conclusions received from superior court.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to have staff investigate 2022-070 / 2022-072 as there were no findings entered by superior court. The motion passed. Dan Smerken and Judge Kiesel opposed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-009 based on findings received from superior court. The motion passed.

## 8. Wrap Up/Adjourn

With no other business to discuss, the May 8, 2023 CPGC Board meeting was adjourned at 8:27 a.m. The next Board meeting will be hybrid and take place both on site at the SeaTac Office Center and via Zoom on June 12, 2023 beginning at 9:00 a.m..

### Recap of Motions:

MOTION SUMMARY		STATUS
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2023 Board meeting.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to deny Jill Larsen's application for lack of transferable skills.	Failed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to conditionally approve Jill Larsen's application with transferrable skills in social services.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to deny Roslynn Jackson's application for lack of transferable skills.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-017 for no jurisdiction.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to forward complete grievance 2023-018 to court.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to forward complete grievance 2023-019 to court.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to forward complete grievance 2023-020 to court.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to have staff investigate grievance 2023-021. Dan Smerken opposed.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to forward complete grievance 2023-022 to court.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to forward complete grievance 2023-023 to court.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-026 based on findings received from superior court.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to have staff investigate 2022-070 and 2022-072 as there were no findings entered by superior court. Dan Smerken and Judge Kiesel opposed.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-009 based on findings received from superior court.	Passed

### Guests:

Samantha Hellwig (AAG)  
 Katlyn Balsam  
 Christopher Fast  
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Brenda Morales  
 Chris Neil  
 Puget Sound Guardians  
 Sarah Tremblay