



Certified Professional Guardianship and Conservatorship Board

Monday, June 12, 2023

Zoom Meeting

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present

Judge Diana Kiesel, Chair
Judge Cadine Ferguson-Brown
Judge Robert Lewis
Ms. Lynda Clark
Ms. Kristina Hammond¹
Ms. Lisa Malpass
Mr. William Reeves
Dr. K. Penney Sanders
Mr. Dan Smerken
Ms. Anita Souza²
Ms. Susie Starrfield

Members Absent

Judge Grant Blinn
Ms. Melanie Maxwell

Staff Present

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

Guests – See last page

1. Meeting Called to Order

Judge Diana Kiesel called the June 12, 2023 Certified Professional Guardianship and Conservatorship Board meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. Welcome, Roll Call & Approval of Minutes

Judge Kiesel welcomed all present.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve the May 8, 2023 Board meeting minutes.
The motion passed.

3. Chair's Report

Judge Kiesel began with an update on the Bylaws Committee which has been very busy coming up with a new draft to present to the Board. Judge Kiesel hopes to have a draft in place by the next Board meeting.

Judge Kiesel's term on the Board expires in September and she noted the need for a new judicial officer to serve on the Board. Judge Kiesel hopes that judicial officers from Eastern WA will apply for the vacant position.

¹ Dr Anita Souza joined at 9:02 am.

² Kristina Hammond joined at 9:45 am.

4. Public Comment Period

Chris Neil delivered a brief presentation on guardianship filings in relation to Washington State's older population, noting that guardianship filings have not increased or decreased but have remained steady despite a large increase in senior population.

Deborah Jameson suggested that the Board update the conflict and recusal policy to be clearer and more concise, similar to the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) policy.

5. Regulations Committee

On behalf of the Regulations Committee, Mr. Smerken presented suggested changes to the voluntary surrender regulation (Regulation 708) for the Board's consideration. Discussion centered on word choice regarding "retirement" and "resignation" as describing reasons for voluntary surrender.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to send out the suggested amendments to the regulation for public comment. The motion passed.

On behalf of the Regulations Committee, Mr. Smerken suggested that the Board withdraw a suggested change to General Rule (GR) 23 as it is redundant in light of the Board's adoption of Regulation 007 regarding open meetings. The suggestion had never been formally submitted.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to send a clarification letter to the Supreme Court that the Board will not be submitting any suggested changes to GR 23 on this issue. The motion passed.

Ms. King presented a refresher training for Board members covering the GR 23 provision on conflicts of interest, Bylaws provisions on conflicts of interest, and the various sections of the Board's Recusal Policy.

6. Grievance Report

Ms. Scott reported six (6) grievances were received during the month of May. At May's meeting, the Board dismissed two (2) grievance and forwarded five (5) grievances to superior court. A total forty (40) grievances are currently unresolved. Currently, there are two hundred fifty-one (251) active CPGCs.

7. Executive Session (Closed to Public)

Reconvene (Open to Public)

8. Vote on Executive Session Discussion

On behalf of the Standards of Practice Committee, Dr. Penney Sanders presented the following grievances for Board action. Members of the Standards of Practice Committee abstained.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-024 as incomplete for lack of information. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to forward complete grievance 2023-025 to court. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to forward complete grievance 2023-026 to court. The motion passed.

- Motion: It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-027 based on findings received from superior court. The motion passed.
- Motion: It was moved and seconded to forward complete grievance 2023-028 to court. The motion passed.
- Motion: It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-043 based on findings received from superior court. The motion passed.
- Motion: It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-065 based on findings received from superior court. The motion passed.
- Motion: It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-006 based on findings received from superior court. The motion passed.

9. Wrap Up/Adjourn

With no other business to discuss, the June 12, 2023 CPGC Board meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. The next Board meeting will take place via Zoom on July 10, 2023 beginning at 7:30 a.m..

Recap of Motions:

MOTION SUMMARY		STATUS
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2023 Board meeting.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to send out the suggested amendments to the regulation for public comment.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to send a clarification letter to the Supreme Court that the Board will not be submitting any suggested changes to GR 23 on this issue.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-024 as incomplete for lack of information.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to forward complete grievance 2023-025 to court.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to forward complete grievance 2023-026 to court.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-027 based on findings received from superior court.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to forward complete grievance 2023-028 to court.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-043 based on findings received from superior court.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2022-065 based on findings received from superior court.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-006 based on findings received from superior court.	Passed

Guests:

Samantha Hellwig (AAG)
 Katlyn Balsam
 Denise Meador

Brenda Morales
 Chris Neil
 Sarah Tremblay

Deborah Jameson
Christopher Fast
Glenda Voller
Channa Copeland

Karen Newland
Scott Malavotte
Tracy Raymond