



Certified Professional Guardianship and Conservatorship Board

Monday, November 13, 2023

Zoom Meeting

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present

Judge Robert Lewis, Chair
Judge Grant Blinn
Judge Cadine Ferguson-Brown¹
Commissioner Kim
Ms. Lynda Clark
Ms. Kristina Hammond²
Ms. Melanie Maxwell³
Mr. William Reeves⁴
Dr. K. Penney Sanders⁵
Mr. Dan Smerken
Ms. Susie Starrfield
Ms. Anita Souza

Staff Present

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

Guests – See last page

1. Meeting Called to Order

Judge Robert Lewis called the November 13, 2023 Certified Professional Guardianship and Conservatorship Board meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

2. Welcome, Roll Call & Approval of Minutes

Judge Lewis welcomed all present. Judge Lewis introduced Commissioner Kim, the Board's newest member.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve the October 9, 2023 minutes. The motion passed.

3. Chair's Report

Judge Lewis welcomed Commissioner Kim to the Board. He noted that the Board is still waiting for the nomination of a WAPG representative.

4. Grievance Report

Ms. Scott reported six (6) new grievances were received during the month of October. The Board dismissed eight (8) grievances and forwarded two (2) grievances to Superior Court. A total of thirty

¹ Judge Ferguson-Brown joined at 7:34 a.m.

² Ms. Hammond joined at 7:34 a.m.

³ Ms. Maxwell joined at 7:37 a.m.

⁴ Mr. Reeves joined at 7:35 a.m.

⁵ Dr. Sanders joined at 7:34 a.m.

(30) grievances were unresolved at the time of the report. Currently, there are two hundred fifty (250) active CPGCs.

5. Executive Session (Closed to Public)

6. Reconvene (Open to Public)

7. Vote on Executive Session Discussion

On behalf of the Applications Committee, Ms. Susie Starrfield presented the following applications for certification.

- Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve Pamela Cotton's application for certification with transferable skills in social services and financial. The motion passed.
- Motion: It was moved and seconded to conditionally approve Crystal Joseph's application for certification, conditioned on completion of the UW program, with transferrable skills in social services and financial. Dr. Sanders abstained. The motion passed.
- Motion: It was moved and seconded to deny Crystal Joseph's request to waive the requirement to complete the UW program. The motion passed.
- Motion: It was moved and seconded to deny Christian Letts' application for certification due to lack of requisite experience. The motion passed.
- Motion: It was moved and seconded to conditionally approve Bryan Teed's application for certification, conditioned on completion of the UW program, with transferrable skills in social services and finances. The motion passed.

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

- Motion: It was moved and seconded to forward grievance 2023-055 to Superior Court. The motion passed.
- Motion: It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-056 for no jurisdiction. The motion passed.
- Motion: It was moved and seconded to investigate grievance 2023-057, which has previously been forwarded to court. The motion passed.
- Motion: It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievances 2023-047 and 2023-051 following court review. The motion passed.
- Motion: It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-002 following court review. The motion passed.
- Motion: It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-026 following court review. The motion passed.
- Motion: It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-033 following court review. The motion passed.
- Motion: It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievances 2023-039, 2023-040, and 2023-043 following court review. The motion passed.
- Motion: It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-041 following court review. Judge Lewis abstained. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-042 following court review. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to draft a complaint and petition for interim suspension for grievance 2022-059. The motion passed.

8. Wrap Up/Adjourn

With no other business to discuss, Judge Lewis adjourned the November 13, 2023 CPGC Board meeting at 8:37 a.m. The next Board meeting will take place via Zoom on December 11, 2023 beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Recap of Motions:

MOTION SUMMARY		STATUS
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to approve the October 9, 2023 minutes.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to approve Pamela Cotton's application for certification.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to conditionally approve Crystal Joseph's application for certification, conditioned on completion of UW program. Dr. Sanders abstained.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to deny Crystal Joseph's request to waive UW program requirement.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to deny Christian Letts' application for certification due to lack of requisite experience.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to conditionally approve Bryan Teed's application for certification, conditioned on completion of UW program.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to forward grievance 2023-055 to Superior Court. The motion passed.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-056 for no jurisdiction. The motion passed.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to investigate grievance 2023-057. The motion passed.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievances 2023-047 & 2023-051 following court review.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-002 following court review.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-026 following court review.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-033 following court review.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievances 2023-039, 2023-040, & 2023-043 following court review.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-041 following court review. Judge Lewis abstained.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-042 following court review.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to draft a complaint and petition for interim suspension for grievance 2022-059.	Passed

Guests:

Samantha Hellwig, AAG
Byron Cotton
Deborah Jameson

Karen Newland, Puget Sound Guardians
Sarah Trembly
Glenda Voller