



Certified Professional Guardianship and Conservatorship Board

Monday, December 11, 2023

Zoom Meeting

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present

Judge Robert Lewis, Chair
Judge Grant Blinn
Judge Cadine Ferguson-Brown
Commissioner Solomon Kim
Ms. Lynda Clark
Mr. William Reeves
Dr. K. Penney Sanders
Mr. Dan Smerken
Ms. Susie Starrfield
Dr. Anita Souza

Guests – See last page

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

Members Absent

Ms. Kristina Hammond
Ms. Melanie Maxwell

1. Meeting Called to Order

Judge Robert Lewis called the December 11, 2023 Certified Professional Guardianship and Conservatorship Board meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

2. Welcome, Roll Call & Approval of Minutes

Judge Lewis welcomed all present.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve the November 13, 2023 minutes. The motion passed.

3. Executive Session (Closed to Public)

4. Reconvene (Open to Public)

5. Chair's Report

Judge Lewis reported that the Board is still waiting on a nominee from WSBA to fill the vacant position.

6. Grievance Report

Ms. Scott reported four (4) new grievances were received during the month of November. The Board dismissed eleven (11) grievances and forwarded one(1) grievance to Superior Court. A total of twenty-two (22) grievances were unresolved at the time of the report. Currently, there are two hundred fifty (250) active CPGCs.

7. Regulations Committee

Motion: It was moved and seconded to adopt the proposed changes to Regulations 708 and 507.3. The motion passed.

8. 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 Joel Soter's application for certification with transferable skills in financial and social services. Ms. Clark abstained. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve Claudia Turney's application for certification with transferable skills in financial. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to administratively decertify Maija Druffel for failure to comply with annual certification requirements of GR23. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to administratively decertify Albert Williams for failure to comply with annual certification requirements of GR23. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to administratively decertify South Sound Alternatives for failure to comply with annual certification requirements of GR23. The motion passed.

On behalf of the Education Committee, Mr. Smerken presented the following request for consideration.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to administratively decertify Stewart Wallin for failure to comply with continuing education reporting requirements. 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 dismiss grievance 2023-047 following court review. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-052 following court review. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to forward grievance 2023-058 to Superior Court. Mr. Smerken abstained. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to forward grievance 2023-059 to Superior Court. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-060 as incomplete. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to forward grievance 2023-061 to Superior Court. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to forward grievance 2023-062 to Superior Court. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to forward grievance 2023-063 to Superior Court. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to forward grievance 2023-064 to Superior Court. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-065 as incomplete. Judge Lewis and Judge Ferguson-Brown opposed. The motion passed.

9. Wrap Up/Adjourn

With no other business to discuss, Judge Lewis adjourned the December 11, 2023 CPGC Board meeting at 8:34 a.m. The next Board meeting will take place via Zoom on January 8, 2024 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Recap of Motions:

MOTION SUMMARY		STATUS
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to approve the November 13, 2023 minutes.	Passed
Motion	It was moved and seconded to adopt the proposed changes to Regulations 708 and 507.3.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to approve Joel Soter's application for certification. Ms. Clark abstained.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to approve Claudia Turney's application for certification.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to administratively decertify Maija Druffel for failure to comply with annual certification requirements of GR23.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to administratively decertify Albert Williams for failure to comply with annual certification requirements of GR23.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to administratively decertify South Sound Alternatives for failure to comply with annual certification requirements of GR23.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to administratively decertify Stewart Wallin for failure to comply with continuing education reporting requirements.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-047 following court review.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-052 following court review.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to forward grievance 2023-058 to Superior Court. Mr. Smerken abstained.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to forward grievance 2023-059 to Superior Court.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-060 as incomplete.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to forward grievance 2023-061 to Superior Court.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to forward grievance 2023-062 to Superior Court.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to forward grievance 2023-063 to Superior Court.	Passed
Motion:	It was moved and seconded to forward grievance 2023-064 to Superior Court.	Passed

Motion:	It was moved and seconded to dismiss grievance 2023-065 as incomplete. Judge Lewis and Judge Ferguson-Brown opposed.	Passed
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Guests:

Samantha Hellwig, AAG
Stephen Manning, AAG
Tracy Bauhs
Katlyn Balsam

Deborah Jameson
Karen Newland, Puget Sound Guardians
Sarah Tremblay
Glenda Voller