



Certified Professional Guardianship and Conservatorship Board

Monday, February 10, 2025

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present

Judge Cadine Ferguson-Brown, Chair
Commissioner Solomon Kim, Co-chair
Judge Nancy Retsinas
Jack Vogel
Ms. Iris Kingston
Dr. K. Penney Sanders
Mr. Daniel Smerken
Dr. Anita Souza
Ms. Kristina Hammond
Ms. Camille Minogue

Staff Present

Ms. Stacey Johnson
Ms. Cynthia Kennedy
Ms. Rhonda Scott
Ms. Kay King
Ms. Collette Mason
Ms. Sherri White
Ms. Erica Cervantes¹
Ms. Leanna Mistachkin
Mr. Christopher Stanley¹

Members Absent

Judge Jeremy Schmidt
Commissioner Lynn Fleischbein

Ms. Suzanne Thompson-Wininger

1. Meeting Called to Order

Judge Ferguson-Brown called the February 10, 2025 Certified Professional Guardianship and Conservatorship (CPGC) Board meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

2. Welcome, Roll Call & Approval of Minutes

Judge Ferguson-Brown welcomed all present and then called for approval of the minutes.

Motion: Mr. Smerken moved to approve the January 13, 2025 minutes with a correction of a typo under section 4. Commissioner Kim seconded. 9 in favor. The motion carries.

3. Executive Session (Closed to Public)

4. Chair's Report

Judge Ferguson-Brown welcomed new AOC staff member Leanna Mistachkin. She provided notice that the Board's in-person meetings would no longer be held in the AOC Sea-Tac location. More information regarding an in-person meeting location will be provided at a later date. Judge Ferguson-Brown also made note that Board members were provided with documentation about the Board's recusal procedures to assist with clarifying the process around recusals.

5. Grievance Report

Ms. Scott presented the January grievance report, which is available in the meeting packet. The Board received seven (7) new grievances in January. Four grievances were forwarded to Superior Court. There are a total of thirty-seven unresolved grievances. 12 of the thirty-seven

grievances involve CPGCs or agencies with two or more grievances. Currently, there are two hundred fifty-seven (256) active CPGCs.

6. Reconvene (Open to Public)

The meeting reconvened at 8:54 am.

7. Vote on Executive Session Discussion

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

Motion: Mr. Smerken moved to investigate grievance 2025-002. Commissioner Kim seconded. 9 in favor. None opposed. The motion carries.

Motion: Mr. Smerken moved to refer grievance 2025-003 to superior court. Commissioner Kim seconded. 8 in favor. Ms. Minogue opposed. The motion carries.

Motion: Ms. Hammond moved to refer grievance 2025-004 to superior court. Commissioner Kim seconded. 9 in favor. None opposed. The motion carries.

Motion: Judge Retsinas moved to refer grievance 2025-007 to superior court. Judge Ferguson-Brown seconded. 9 in favor. None opposed. The motion carries.

Motion: Judge Ferguson-Brown moved to refer grievance 2025-008 to superior court. Ms. Hammond seconded. 8 in favor. Mr. Smerken opposed. The motion carries.

Motion: Commissioner Kim moved to refer grievance 2025-009 to superior court. Judge Ferguson-Brown seconded. 8 in favor. None opposed. Judge Retsinas recused. The motion carries.

Motion: Judge Ferguson-Brown moved to dismiss grievance 2024-043 following court review. Mr. Smerken seconded. 7 in favor. None opposed. Ms. Minogue abstained. Judge Retsinas recused. The motion carries.

Motion: Mr. Smerken moved to dismiss grievance 2024-070 following court review. Judge Ferguson-Brown seconded. 7 in favor. None opposed. Ms. Minogue abstained. Judge Retsinas recused. The motion carries.

Motion: Mr. Smerken moved to dismiss grievances 2024-044 and 2024-045 following court review. Judge Retsinas seconded. 9 in favor. None opposed. The motion carries.

Motion: Mr. Smerken moved to dismiss grievance 2024-042 following court review. Judge Retsinas seconded. 8 in favor. None opposed. Ms. Minogue abstained. The motion carries.

Motion: Commissioner Kim moved to dismiss grievance 2024-037 for no actionable conduct. Ms. Hammond seconded. 7 in favor. Ms. Minogue opposed. The motion carries.

Noted for the record that 2025-005 and 2025-006 have been dismissed for no jurisdiction, and 2024-074 has been tabled to the March 10, 2025 meeting.

8. Wrap Up/Adjourn

With no other business to discuss, Judge Ferguson-Brown adjourned the February 10, 2025 CPGC Board meeting at 9:09 a.m. The next Board meeting will take place via Zoom on March 10, 2025, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Recap of Motions:

MOTION SUMMARY		STATUS
Motion	Mr. Smerken moved to approve the January 13, 2025 minutes with a spelling correction. Commissioner Kim seconded. 9 in favor.	Passed
Motion	Mr. Smerken moved to investigate grievance 2025-002. Commissioner Kim seconded. 9 in favor. None opposed.	Passed
Motion	Mr. Smerken moved to refer grievance 2025-003 to superior court. Commissioner Kim seconded. 8 in favor. Ms. Minogue opposed.	Passed
Motion	Ms. Hammond moved to refer grievance 2025-004 to superior court. Commissioner Kim seconded. 9 in favor. None opposed.	Passed
Motion	Judge Retsinas moved to refer grievance 2025-007 to superior court. Judge Ferguson-Brown seconded. 9 in favor. None opposed.	Passed
Motion	Judge Ferguson-Brown moved to refer grievance 2025-008 to superior court. Ms. Hammond seconded. 8 in favor. Mr. Smerken opposed.	Passed
Motion	Commissioner Kim moved to refer grievance 2025-009 to superior court. Judge Ferguson-Brown seconded. 8 in favor. None opposed. Judge Retsina recused.	Passed
Motion	Judge Ferguson-Brown moved to dismiss grievance 2024-043 following court review. Mr. Smerken seconded. 7 in favor. None opposed. Ms. Minogue abstained. Judge Retsinas recused.	Passed
Motion	Mr. Smerken moved to dismiss grievance 2024-070 following court review. Judge Ferguson-Brown seconded. 7 in favor. None opposed. Ms. Minogue abstained. Judge Retsinas recused.	Passed
Motion	Mr. Smerken moved to dismiss grievance 2024-044 and 2024-045 following court review. Judge Retsinas seconded. 9 in favor. None opposed.	Passed
Motion	Mr. Smerken moved to dismiss grievance 2024-042 following court review. Judge Retsinas seconded. 8 in favor. None opposed. Ms. Minogue abstained.	Passed
Motion	Commissioner Kim moved to dismiss grievance 2024-037 for no actionable conduct. Ms. Hammond seconded. 7 in favor. Ms. Minogue opposed.	Passed

Guests:

Samantha Hellwig, general counsel (AAG)
Deborah Jameson

Sarah Tremblay²
Karen Newland, Puget Sound Guardians