Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2026

Certified Professional Guardianship and Conservatorship Board

Monday, August 10, 2026
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present	Staff Present
Judge Cadine Ferguson-Brown	
Mr. Daniel Smerken	Ms. Stacey Johnson
Commissioner Lynn Fleischbein	Ms. Cynthia Kennedy
	Ms. Leanna Mistachkin
Ms. Denise Meador	Ms. Rhonda Scott
Ms. Iris Kingston	Ms. Sherri White
Dr. Anita Souza	Ms. Eleise Moore
Ms. Suzanne Thompson Wininger	Ms. Kay King
Ms. Camille Minogue	Ms. Collette Mason
Keisha Dean	

Members Absent
Commissioner Soloman Kim, Chair
Judge Nancy Retsinas
Mr. Jack Vogel
Judge Jeremy Schmidt

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1. Meeting Called to Order

Judge Cadine Ferguson-Brown called the August 10, 2026 Certified Professional Guardianship and Conservatorship (CPGC) Board meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

2. Welcome, Roll Call, and Approval of Minutes

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

Motion: Ms. Denise Meador moved to approve July 13, 2026 CPGC Board Meeting minutes as written. Motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Executive Session (Closed to Public) Began at 7:35.

4. Reconvene (Open to Public) Returned to public session at 8:05.

5. Chair's Report

Judge Ferguson-Brown thanked Keisha Dean for her service and wished her well following her resignation from the board.

6. Grievance Report

Ms. Rhonda Scott presented the July Grievance Report, which is available in the meeting packet. The Board received eight new grievances in July. Four grievances were dismissed by the Board and

seven were forwarded to Superior Court. Twenty-two of the thirty-three unresolved grievances involve seven Certified Professional Guardians/Conservators or Agencies with two or more grievances. Currently, there are two hundred and sixty active CPGCs.

7. Education Committee

The Education Committee made recommendations for the emerging issues for the 2027-2028 CEU reporting period. A new PowerPoint CEU on the Ethics Advisory Opinion on Self-Petitioning was presented for review.

On behalf of the Education Committee, Co-Chair Dr. Anita Souza presented the following motions for Board action:

Motion: Approve the presented recommendations as the emerging issues for the 2027-2028 CEU reporting period. Motion was seconded. 9 in favor. The motion passed.

Motion: Approve the CEU Ethics Advisory Opinion on Self-Petitioning. Motion was seconded. 9 in favor. The motion passed.

8. Vote on Executive Session Discussion

On behalf of the Applications Committee, Co-Chair Commissioner Lynn Fleischbein presented the following motions for Board action:

Motion: Approve the application of Chafeka Abdellatif, motion was seconded. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Motion: Approve the application of Tabatha Andrews, conditioned on successful completion of the UW training program, motion was seconded. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Motion: Approve the application of Barbara Barr, motion was seconded. 8 in favor, 1 opposed. The motion passed.

Motion: Approve the application of Rusmira Ciric, motion was seconded. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Motion: Approve the application of Mary Lemke, conditioned on successful completion of the UW training program, motion was seconded. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Motion: Approve the application of Theresa Parsons, motion was seconded. 8 in favor, 0 opposed, Camille Minogue abstained. The motion passed.

Motion: Approve the application of Stephanie Porter, motion was seconded. 8 in favor, 0 opposed, Camille Minogue abstained. The motion passed.

Motion: Approve the application of Charles Turney, motion was seconded. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

On behalf of the Standards of Practice Committee, Co-Chair Daniel Smerken presented the following motions for Board action:

Motion: That grievance 2026-042 is complete and will be forwarded to superior court. Motion was seconded. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Motion: That grievance 2026-043 is complete and will be forwarded to superior court. Motion was seconded. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

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Motion: That grievance 2026-045 is complete and will be forwarded to superior court. Motion was seconded. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Motion: That grievance 2026-047 is complete and will be forwarded to superior court. Motion was seconded. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Motion: That grievance 2026-048 is complete and will be forwarded to superior court. Motion was seconded. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Motion: That grievance 2025-066 should be dismissed following court review. Motion was seconded. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Motion: That grievance 2026-015 move to AOC investigation following court review. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Noted for the record that 2026-044 and 2026-046 have been dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

9. Wrap Up/Adjourn

With no other business to discuss, Judge Ferguson-Brown adjourned the August 10, 2026 CPGC Board meeting at 8:22 a.m. The next regular Board meeting will take place on September 14, 2026, beginning at 7:30 am.

Recap of Motions:

MOTION SUMMARY		STATUS
Motion	Dr. Anita Souza moved to approve the presented recommendations as the emerging issues for the 2027-2028 CEU reporting period. Motion was seconded. 9 in favor. The motion passed.	Passed
Motion	Dr. Anita Souza moved to approve the CEU Ethics Advisory Opinion on Self-Petitioning. Motion was seconded. 9 in favor. The motion passed.	Passed
Motion	Commissioner Lynn Fleischbein moved to approve the application of Chafeka Abdellatif, motion was seconded. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.	Passed
Motion	Commissioner Lynn Fleischbein moved to approve the application of Tabatha Andrews, conditioned on successful completion of the UW training program, motion was seconded. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.	Passed
Motion	Commissioner Lynn Fleischbein moved to approve the application of Barbara Barr, motion was seconded. 8 in favor, 1 opposed. The motion passed.	Passed
Motion	Commissioner Lynn Fleischbein moved to approve the application of Rusmira Ciric, motion was seconded. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.	Passed
Motion	Commissioner Lynn Fleischbein moved to approve the application of Mary Lemke, conditioned on successful completion of the UW	Passed

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	training program, motion was seconded. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.	
Motion	Commissioner Lynn Fleischbein moved to approve the application of Theresa Parsons. 8 in favor, 0 opposed, Camille Minogue abstained. The motion passed.	Passed
Motion	Commissioner Lynn Fleischbein moved to approve the application of Stephanie Porter, 8 in favor, 0 opposed, Camille Minogue abstained. The motion passed.	Passed
Motion:	Commissioner Lynn Fleischbein moved to approve the application of Charles Turney. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.	Passed
Motion:	Mr. Daniel Smerken moved that grievance 2026-042 is complete and will be forwarded to superior court. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.	Passed
Motion:	Mr. Daniel Smerken moved that grievance 2026-043 is complete and will be forwarded to superior court. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.	Passed
Motion:	Mr. Daniel Smerken moved that grievance 2026-045 is complete and will be forwarded to superior court. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.	Passed
Motion:	Mr. Daniel Smerken moved that grievance 2026-047 is complete and will be forwarded to superior court. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.	Passed
Motion:	Mr. Daniel Smerken moved that grievance 2026-048 is complete and will be forwarded to superior court. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.	Passed
Motion:	Mr. Daniel Smerken moved that grievance 2025-066 should be dismissed following court review. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.	Passed
Motion:	Mr. Daniel Smerken moved that grievance 2026-015 move to AOC investigation following court review. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.	Passed
Note:	Grievances 2026-044 and 2026-046 have been dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.	

Guests:
Samantha Hellwig, AAG
Erna Hajdarevic, CPG
Joshua Glasgow
Katlyn Balsam, CBFS
Puget Sound Guardians

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Grievance Report

August 2026

Certified Professional Guardian and Conservator
Grievance Status Report
AUGUST 2026

Activity During August	
New Grievances Received in August 2026:	**8**
Grievances Dismissed by Board:	**3**
Grievances Forwarded to Superior Court:	**5**
Grievance Moved to Investigation Status	**1**

Grievance Resolutions (UGA)	2024	2025	2026
Total Grievances Received	**81**	**74**	**53**
Dismissed:	**24**	**28**	**16**
No Jurisdiction	14	22	14
Insufficient Grievance	10	6	2
Forwarded to Superior Court	57	**48**	**31**
Dismissed Following Court Review	45	**35**	**8**
Dismissed Following Investigation	**8**	**7**	**0**
Resolved with Discipline	**4**	**1**	**0**
Open Pending Investigation, CRC Review or Other Disciplinary Process	**0**	**2**	**4**

Please note that the numbers reported in this section will not necessarily be equal to the total number of grievances received; this is due to the timing of when new grievances are received and in process of review by the Board.

Active CPGCs: 271

Guardians and Conservators, or Agencies with Multiple Open Grievances

ID	Year Certified	2024	2025	2026	total OPEN
A	2016	0	0	2	2
B	2017	0	1	1	2
C	2024	0	2	3	5
D	2024	0	0	5	5
E	2009	0	0	2	2
F	2011	0	0	2	5
G	2022	0	1	1	2
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At the time of this report, 23 of the 38 unresolved grievances involve 7 Certified Professional Guardians/Conservators or Agencies with two or more grievances.