



**Certified Professional Guardianship and Conservatorship Board
Regulations Committee**

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Zoom Meeting

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Mr. Dan Smerken, Chair
Ms. Lisa Malpass

Members Absent

Judge Cadine Ferguson-Brown
Mr. William Reeves

Guests

Judge Diana Kiesel*
Dr. K. Penney Sanders

Staff

Ms. Kay King

1. Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 am.

2. Minutes from January 24, 2023 Meeting

The minutes from the meeting of January 24, 2023 were reviewed. Lacking a quorum, the vote on approval of the minutes will be done via e-mail.¹

3. Board Voting and Quorum

The Committee discussed the considerations regarding the Board's practice of committee members abstaining from the final Board vote on matters. The Committee observed that the Board's governing authority did not mandate such abstention. (The Committee noted the distinction between such abstentions and required recusals.)

Discussion included the point that Board level discussion may impact a committee member's ultimate opinion and vote. Another perceived concern is that a final vote may have limited Board members voting under circumstances of multiple Board member absences. The consensus of the discussion was that while the recusal requirements for conflict of interest situations must remain intact, the Committee would recommend no requirement of committee member abstentions in Board votes. The Committee will consider potential amendments to the Board's Bylaws at the March Regulations Committee meeting, with the goal of bringing suggestions to the Board in April.

¹ The minutes of the January 24th 2023 meeting were approved via email vote subsequent to the meeting.

4. Review of Regulations Committee Potential Topics

The Committee discussed its list of pending potential topics to address at future meetings.

The Committee's next meeting date and time is Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 8 am via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 am.

**Judge Kiesel left the meeting at 8:23 am*