
Colorado Office of Public Guardianship

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Date/Time: October 29, 2023, 10 AM to Noon

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You are hereby notified that the Colorado Office of Public Guardianship Commission will meet at the above-referenced date/time to discuss the below agenda items.

Background of the OPG Board of Directors

Pursuant to § 13-94-104.1(1)(a)I and II, C.R.S. (2023), the Colorado General Assembly created the Office of Public Guardianship Board of Directors and Office within the Judicial Department. The Board is comprised of 7 members. Three members are appointed by the Chief Justice, all of which must be attorneys licensed to practice law in the state of Colorado. Each of these members must reside in a different congressional district, and no more than two members appointed by the Chief Justice may be from the same political party. Four non-attorney members are appointed by the Governor, three of which must have lived experience with a family member who is an at-risk adult or who have expertise and experience in advocating for the at-risk adult population, including advocacy and representation in the areas of aging, mental health, substance use disorders, homelessness, veterans issues, intellectual and developmental disabilities, healthcare, and law enforcement and criminal justice. At least one of those three members must be a person with lived experience with a family member who is an at-risk adult. The fourth non-attorney member must be an individual who has not served directly in an advocacy role for at-risk adults. Each of the members appointed by the Governor must reside in a different congressional district, and no more than three members appointed by the Governor may be from the same political party.

Pursuant to HB 19-1045, signed into law on May 30, 2019 and which shall take effect on July 1, 2019, the Commission is charged with appointing the Director for the Office of Public Guardianship. The Commission appointed Sophia M. Alvarez to be the Office's first Director. Ms. Alvarez assumed her duties on October 21, 2019. Ms. Alvarez serves at the pleasure of the Commission pursuant to § 13-94-104.1(3), C.R.S. (2023).

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Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the October 25, 2023 Meeting minutes
- III. Chair Report (Chair Stephanie Garcia)
- IV. Presentation by Meridian Public Affairs, Legislative Liaisons
- V. Director Report (Sophia M. Alvarez)
 - a. FY24-25 Budget Request Update
 - b. January 1, 2024 Report Update
- VI. Discussion of Appointment of COPG Director by December 31, 2023
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Discussion of Critical Incident Reporting
 - a. Specifically, the matters referred to Executive Session and Discussion of Critical Incident Reporting
- IX. Adjourn

*A portion of this meeting is likely to be conducted in Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(3), depending upon the votes of the Commission in order to protect attorney-client privileged information. Although the Commission provides advance notice when an Executive Session is likely to occur, the Commission members are entitled to receive attorney-client privileged advice on any matter noticed on the agenda.

Meeting Materials

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