
Colorado Office of Public Guardianship

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PUBLIC MEETING August 27, 2025 RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CONVENE

The meeting of the Colorado Office of Public Guardianship Board of Directors was convened by Zoom video conference at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Brandon Fields. A quorum of the Board was present.

Board Members Present

Brandon Fields, Chair
Aisha Young, Vice Chair
Roseanne Collison, Member
Stephanie Garcia, Member
Chandra Matthews, Member
Patrick Thiessen, Member
Chelsea Ziegler, Member

Office of Public Guardianship

Janelle Cantu, Deputy Director
Kimberly Baker, Guardian
Allondria Tyler, Guardian
Michelle Trejo, Guardian

Office of the Attorney General

Kirsten Grooms, Assistant Attorney General

Public Attendees

Maureen Welch
Natalie Devill- joined briefly and dropped off
Judy (Didn't identify herself)

AGENDA ITEMS

- I. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was recorded.

- b. Introductions completed.
- II. Approval of the July 23, 2025, meeting minutes and the August 18th, 2025, special meeting minutes.
 - a. Chair Fields asked for comments for the July 23, 2025, and August 18th, 2025, meeting minutes. The board had no comments.
 - b. Board member Garcia moved to approve the July 23, 2025, and August 18th, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. and Vice Chair Young seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Chair Report (Brandon Fields)
 - a. No chair report this month
 - b. Chair Fields thanked Director Alvarez for all her work at OPG. Her last day will be September 12th, 2025. He voiced the Board's appreciation for Director Alvarez for establishing the office and her dedicated work over the years for the office.
- IV. Deputy Director's Report (Janelle Cantu)
 - a. The Director's Report was distributed electronically along with other materials discussed.
 - i. Attachment 1. COPG Monthly Budget Summary as of 08.11.2025.
 - b. There were no Board member questions regarding the Deputy Director's report or attachments.
- V. Public Comment
 - a. Chair Fields asked for public comments.
 - b. Maureen Welch detailed she has followed OPG since 2017 and she has concerns regarding the office.
- VI. Board Comment
 - a. Board member Garica detailed that all OPG clients that passed away have been under the oversight of clinicians. They have been treated with respect, and she thanked the guardians for caring for OPG's clients.
 - b. Board member Collison thanked Director Alvarez for establishing the office. She also thanked the guardians for serving clients and coordinating with hospice, doctors, and hospitals to manage complex clients and complex systems.
 - c. Chair Fields mentioned a recent article written about the office in Colorado Politics and explained he had contacted the reporter and requested that errors be corrected. He detailed the reporter did not contact the office and ask if things were true prior to publishing her article. He contacted the reporter directly and requested corrections be made to the article. He had not received a response from the reporter or the editor.
 - d. Board member Thiessen thanked Chair Fields and Deputy Director Cantu for the very detailed, well-documented and referenced response to the reporter of the article. He appreciates the attempt to correct the record.
 - e. Board member Garcia requested a rebuttal be made public in meeting minutes and posted on OPG's website.
 - f. Board member Collison detailed the article was published in the Colorado Gazette as well.
- VII. Discussion and Action Regarding Retaining Employer's Counsel/ Office of Administrative Services for Independent Agencies (OASIA) for Study of Personnel Matters.

- a. Retention deferred due to the transition of HR services to OASIA and their desire to make a proposal on this subject.
- VIII. Discussion of Critical Incident Reporting
- a. Chair Fields asked for motion to enter executive session at 10:19am for critical incident reporting and legal discussion of personnel matters. Vice Chair Young motioned, and director Ziegler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- IX. Adjourn
- a. Chair Fields asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board member Garcia motioned and director Ziegler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:53am.

ATTESTATION

As the Board Chair I attest that these minutes of the open public meeting of the Colorado Office of Public Guardianship Board substantially reflect the substance of the discussion and action taken related to the matters under the authority of the Board.



Brandon Fields, Chair

9/24/2025

Date

A. Young

9/24/2025

Aisha Young, Vice-Chair

Date