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# Colorado Office of Public Guardianship

## **Commissioners**

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## **PUBLIC MEETING** **December 15, 2021** **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

### **CONVENE**

The meeting of the Colorado Office of Public Guardianship Commission was convened by video conference via Zoom at 10:03 AM by Commission Chair Lesco.

A quorum of the Commission was present.

### **Commission Members Present**

Chair Kelsey Lesco  
Vice-Chair Deb Bennett-Woods  
Stephanie Garcia

### **OPG Director**

Sophia M. Alvarez

### **Others Present**

Jacquelyn Beal, Office of Public Guardianship  
Rhonda Sanchez, Office of Public Guardianship  
Erin McGovern, Office of Public Guardianship  
Cynthia Wells, Office of Public Guardianship  
America Paz Pastrana, Office of Public Guardianship  
Robert Finke, Office of the Attorney General

### **Public Attendance**

Gina Brown, Disability Law Colorado  
Carl Glatstein, Representative of the Colorado Bar Association (CBA), Elder Law Section

All participated by video conference.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order. Chair Lesco indicated that the meeting is being recorded.

### **II. Approval of the October 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Vice-Chair Bennett-Woods **moved** to approve the October 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Garcia **seconded** the motion. Motion **passed** unanimously.

### **III. Chair Report (Kelsey Lesco)**

Chair Lesco informed that there are no updates to provide pertaining to the appointment of the replacement commissioners.

- A. Chair Lesco informed that this was her last meeting as Chair and that Commissioner Bennett-Woods is the Chair-Elect.
- B. There was discussion of how to move forward until there is a full Commission membership.
- C. It was determined that a Vice-Chair will be elected at the January 2022 meeting.
- D. Chair Lesco asked if there were any questions. There were none.

### **IV. Director Report (Sophia M. Alvarez)**

Director Alvarez's December 15, 2021, Director Report was distributed electronically along with other materials and discussed. Additional items discussed included, but were not limited to:

- a. FY 22-23 Budget Request/JBC Hearing
  - b. Data/Director Report Update
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- A. Commission discussed the Interim Report and engaging stakeholders for the final presentation to the Legislature in 2023.
  - B. Commission discussed the availability of the requested funds if approved by the Legislature and the creation of a reserve fund.
  - C. Commission discussed the cost related to the preparation of the final report to the legislature and the need of lobbying services.

**V. Public Comment**

Chair Lesco asked for public comment.

- A. Mr. Glatstein discussed the importance of having a Lobbyist assisting with the continuation of the public guardianship program. Mr. Glatstein expressed that the CBA will support the continuation of the public guardianship program.
- B. Chair Lesco asked if there were any further comment. There were none.

**VI. Adjourn**

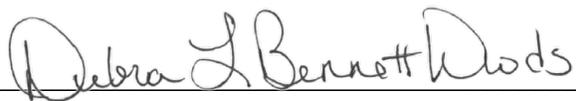
Vice-Chair Bennett-Woods **moved** to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Garcia **seconded** the motion. Motion **passed** unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

**ATTESTATION**

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

  
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Kelsey Lesco, Chair

1.26.2022  
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Deb Bennett-Woods, Vice-Chair

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