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# Colorado Office of Public Guardianship

**Director**, Sophia M. Alvarez

**Commissioners**

Deb Bennett-Woods, Chair  
Stephanie Garcia, Vice-Chair  
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## **PUBLIC MEETING** **June 22, 2022** **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

### **CONVENE**

The meeting of the Colorado Office of Public Guardianship Commission was convened by video conference via Zoom and In-person at 10:00 AM by Commission Chair Bennett-Woods.

A quorum of the Commission was present.

### **Commission Members Present**

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

### **Others Present**

Jacquelyn Beal, Office of Public Guardianship  
Erin McGavin, Office of Public Guardianship  
Rhonda Sanchez, Office of Public Guardianship  
Cynthia Wells, Office of Public Guardianship  
Camille Price, Office of Public Guardianship  
America Paz Pastrana, Office of Public Guardianship  
Grant Yoder, Office of Public Guardianship  
India Kidd-Aaron, Office of the Attorney General

### **Public Attendance**

Ann McKenzie, Silver Key Senior Services  
Jim Tatten  
Hanni Raley, Executive Director, The ARC of Aurora  
Carl Glatstein, Representative of the Colorado Bar Association (CBA), Elder Law Section

Participation was by video conference.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

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

The meeting was called to order. The meeting was recorded.

### **II. Chair Report (Deb Bennett-Woods)**

Chair Bennett-Woods apologized to the public for the technical difficulties at the 6.22.2022 meeting. Chair Bennett-Woods informed that for now the Commission will move back to online meetings until there is a public friendly space and have the technical capabilities to conduct the meeting in a hybrid format.

Chair Bennett-Woods informed that she did not prepare a written report for the meeting. Chair Bennett-Woods gave a verbal update and informed that:

- A. Chair Bennett-Woods had good discussions with Director Alvarez and General Counsel Kidd-Aaron about oversight questions and will send her thoughts in writing before the July's Special Meeting.
- B. Encouraged the Commission to submit in writing ideas in terms of expanded information that would like to see from the office regarding final report preparations and upcoming legislative session ahead of time to expedite conversation in July.
- C. Chair Bennett-Woods asked Grant to provide an update on the status of data gathering for the final report.

### **Final Report Status (Grant Yoder)**

Grant Yoder, Research Assistant, provided a brief update on the data collection and research progress for the Final Report as of June 22, 2022.

### **Public Comment**

- A. Jim Tatten member of the public provided information about his legal background and interests as a member of the disabled community in the focus, transparency and accountability of Office of Public Guardianship.
- B. Chair Bennett-Woods informed that the Commission will reconvene to public session after completing executive session but will not have other matters to discuss.
- C. Chair Bennett-Woods informed that the Commission will schedule a Special Meeting in early July.

**III. Discussion of 2023 Director Evaluation**

- a. Specifically, the matters referred to Executive Session from Open Session, which the employee has requested to be discussed in Executive Session

**Commission moved into Executive Session**

Chair Bennett-Woods asked for a motion to enter into executive session for Discussion.

Commissioner Crona **moved** to initiate executive session. Vice-Chair Garcia **seconded** the motion. Motion **passed** unanimously with at least two-thirds of the membership present. The Commission exited open session and entered executive session on a separate line provided by AAG Kidd-Aaron at 10:27 a.m.

At 12:31 p.m., the Commission returned to open session.

**IV. Public Comment**

Public comment was moved up before entering executive session.

**V. Adjourn**

Commissioner Garcia **moved** to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lesco **seconded** the motion. Motion **passed** unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.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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Deb Bennett-Woods, Chair

7/27/2022  
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Stephanie Garcia, Vice-Chair

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