
Colorado Office of Public Guardianship

Director, Sophia M. Alvarez

Commissioners

Deb Bennett-Woods, Chair
Stephanie Garcia, Vice-Chair
Spencer Crona
Patrick Thiessen



3900 East Mexico Avenue
Suite 300
Denver, CO 80210
(720) 552-5215
Info@Colorado-OPG.org

PUBLIC MEETING December 21, 2022 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 Bennett-Woods.

A quorum of the Commission was present.

Commission Members Present

Chair Deb Bennett-Woods
Vice-Chair Stephanie Garcia
Spencer Crona
Patrick Thiessen

OPG Director

Sophia M. Alvarez

Others Present

Janelle Cantu, Deputy Director, Office of Public Guardianship
Rhonda Sanchez, Office of Public Guardianship
Cynthia Wells, Office of Public Guardianship
Camille Price, Office of Public Guardianship
Loretta Vigil, Office of Public Guardianship
Nancy Bowden, Office of Public Guardianship
Teresa Esquibel, Office of Public Guardianship
America Paz Pastrana, Office of Public Guardianship
Grant Yoder, Office of Public Guardianship
Robert Finke, General Counsel, Office of the Attorney General

Public Attendance

Jim Tatten, member of the public
Gina Brown, Disability Law Colorado

Participation was by video conference.

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of the November 16, 2022 Commission Meeting minutes and November 30, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

Vice-Chair Garcia **moved** to approve the November 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Thiessen **seconded** the motion. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Commissioner Crona **moved** to approve the November 30, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Thiessen **seconded** the motion. Motion **passed** unanimously.

III. Chair Report (Deb Bennett-Woods)

Chair Bennett-Woods' Chair Report, was distributed electronically and discussed. Chair Bennett-Woods did not have any additional updates.

IV. Director Report (Sophia M. Alvarez)

a. JBC Hearing 12.15.2022 update

b. SMART Act hearing 01.17.2022 or 01.18.2022

Director Alvarez's December 21, 2022, Director Report was distributed electronically along with other materials and discussed. Additional items discussed included, but were not limited to:

- A. Director Alvarez informed that the digital draft of the final report is ready and was sent to the Commission for review and feedback. Director Alvarez asked the commission to provide feedback by December 22, 2022.
- B. Director Alvarez informed that the JBC Hearing 12.15.2022 went well. The members did not have any questions and Representative Bird expressed her compliments for our office.

C. Director Alvarez informed that she does not have the exact date and time of the Smart Act hearing but will notify the Commission as soon as possible when she is notified.

V. Commission Endorsement of Final Report

Chair Bennett-Woods advised that the OPG enabling statute directs the Director to provide a final report to the legislature by January 1, 2023. AG Finke determined that the Report does not require Commission approval. AG Finke and the Commission decided that Commission endorsement of the Report is recommended.

Chair Bennett-Woods asked for a motion for the Commission to endorse and release the report to the legislature.

Commissioner Crona **moved** to endorse the release of the final report to the legislature. Vice-Chair Garcia **seconded** the motion. Motion **passed** unanimously.

VI. Public Comment

No public Comment.

VII. Adjourn

Vice-Chair Garcia **moved** to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Crona **seconded** the motion. Motion **passed** unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:16 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.



Deb Bennett-Woods, Chair

1.25.2023

Date



Stephanie Garcia, Vice-Chair

1.25.2023

Date