

COLORADO CHILD PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN BOARD

PUBLIC MEETING

November 5, 2015

Record of Proceedings

Notice of this meeting was provided pursuant to the Colorado Open Meetings Law, § 24-6-402, C.R.S.

CONVENE

The meeting of the Child Protection Ombudsman Board was convened in the Ralph L. Carr Judicial Center, 1300 Broadway, Conference Room 1C, Denver, Colorado 80202 at 9:05 AM by Chairman Ken Plotz.

A quorum of the Board was present.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

Board Members

Chairman Ken Plotz

Vice-Chairwoman Ginny Riley*

Sarie Ates-Patterson

Jose Mondragon*

Joe Carrica*

**participated via telephone*

The Honorable Charles Greenacre*

Pax Moultrie

George Kennedy*

Simone Jones*

Victoria Black

Others Present

Terry Scanlon, Office of the State Court Administrator

Sueanna Johnson, Asst. Atty. General

Danielle Becwar, Office of the State Court Administrator

Four members of the public were also present.

AGENDA/DISCUSSION

Approval of minutes

Ms. Patterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2015 meeting. Ms. Moultrie seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion of future meetings

The Board agreed to meet Nov. 10, 2015 at 9:00 AM in Conference Room 1F at Ralph L. Carr Judicial Center, 1300 Broadway, Conference Room 1C, Denver, Colorado 80202 for the purpose of conducting interview of the selected finalists.

The Board agreed to meet Nov. 20 at 1:00 PM at Ralph L. Carr Judicial Center, 1300 Broadway, Conference Room, Denver, Colorado 80202. The room number will be secured by SCAO staff and added to the public notice of the meeting.

Discussion of hiring process for Child Protection Ombudsman position

Danielle Becwar from the State Court Administrator's Office discussed the application process for candidates for the Child Protection Ombudsman position. Ms. Becwar discussed the scoring system for screening candidates and the next steps in the screening and interview process.

The Board agreed that the SCAO staff will conduct reference checks on each of the finalists and then conduct a criminal background check on the preferred candidate. Mr. Mondragon requested, and at least two other Board members agreed, that the background check include a search of the TRAILS database. Ms. Johnson said she would discuss with the Colorado Department of Human Services whether and how to gain access to TRAILS for the background check.

The Board discussed questions that it would ask the finalists during the interviews in addition to the standard questions that SCAO provided. Ms. Patterson said she would like the candidates to discuss experience with data collection and analysis. Mr. Greenacre would like the candidates to discuss whether they have experience in alternative dispute resolution, specifically, mediation, and their thoughts on collaboration.

Public Comment

Mahna Salter, an attorney, asked about the process for public comment at Board meetings. Ms. Salter asked if the questions will be available to the public. Ms. Johnson said the questions will be available to the public. Chairman Plotz said he wants the Board to be as open as possible.

Ms. Black made a motion to make the questions that will be used in the interviews available by CORA request. Ms. Moultrie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Break

The Board took a break at 10:23 AM. The Board returned to open session at 10:33 AM.

Review of applications for the Child Protection Ombudsman position

At 10:34 AM, Chairman Plotz requested a motion to enter executive session and read a statement explaining the purpose of the executive session. Ms. Black made a motion to enter executive session to review the applications. Ms. Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session was held to maintain the confidentiality of the applications and materials submitted by candidates for the Child Protection Ombudsman, as required by state law, and to receive legal advice to ensure that the selection process complies with the Open Meetings Law, the Open Records Law, and the Board's organic statute.

The Executive Session was recorded in compliance with § 24-6-402(2)(d.5)(I)(A), C.R.S.

Return to Open Meeting

At 11:37 PM, Chairman Plotz returned the meeting to open session.

Ms. Black made a motion to interview candidates Number 1, Number 2, Number 3, Number 4, and Number 5, who were randomly numbered in the Executive Session, and that said interviews would be conducted on November 10th. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patterson. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Plotz announced that the five finalists, without any reference to ranking or preference, are Dennis Goodwin, Stephanie Villafuerte, William Betts, Amy Hendrickson and Claudia Ponce Joly.

The Board discussed the process of the interviews on November 10, 2015. The interviews will be held in public session unless the candidates request to have the interview in executive session. Public comment regarding the finalists shall be sent to SCAO staff.

Memorandum of Understanding with the Colorado Department of Human Services

Chairman Plotz indicated that the Colorado Department of Human Services returned the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a few clerical changes. Chairman Plotz said he signed the MOU on behalf of the Board. There was no Board questions or discussion about the fully executed MOU.

The Board adjourned at 12:03 PM.

TABLED MATTERS

The Board tabled for a future meeting discussion of when it will conduct its regularly scheduled meetings.

ATTESTATION

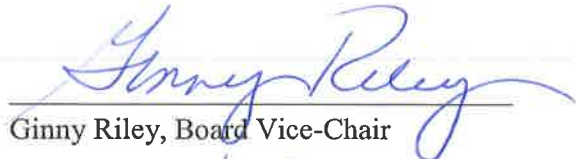
As Board Chair and Board Vice-Chair, I attest that these minutes of the open public meeting held on November 5, 2015 of the Colorado Child Protection Ombudsman Board substantially reflect the substance of the discussion and action taken related to the matters under the authority of the Board and in compliance with the Open Meetings Law, § 24-6-402, C.R.S.



Ken Plotz, Board Chair

11/10/15

Date



Ginny Riley, Board Vice-Chair

11/10/15

Date