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# Colorado Office of Public Guardianship

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## PUBLIC MEETING

November 14, 2018

## Record of Proceedings

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### CONVENE

The emergency meeting of the Colorado Office of Public Guardianship Commission was convened in the Ralph L. Carr Judicial Center, 1300 Broadway, Headwaters Suite in Poudre Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor in Denver, Colorado 80202 at 10:02 AM by Commission Chair Caton.

A quorum of the Commission was present.

### **Commission Members Present**

Shari Caton, Chair	Deb Bennett-Woods, Vice-Chair*
Kelsey Lesco*	Karen Kelley*

### **Commission Members Absent**

Marco Chayet

### **Others Present**

Hugh Wilson, Office of the State Court Administrator  
Connie Lind, Office of the State Court Administrator  
Sueanna Johnson, Senior AAG  
Steve Allen, Joint Budget Committee Staff Member

### **Public Attendance**

Terry Lake\*  
Robert M. Hernandez  
Maureen Welch

\* Appeared/Participated by Telephone

## AGENDA ITEMS

### **I. Review and Approval of the Budget Supplemental Proposal and Budget Amendment for FY 18-19 and 19-20 with Legislative Amendment Proposal**

Commission Chair Caton asked the Commission members if they've had an opportunity to review the draft. All responded that they had. The discussion included:

- The draft seems consistent with what was discussed at the last meeting
- AAG Johnson will substitute Exhibit A with the fully executed Exhibit A (page 5 is missing)
- Mr. Wilson and Mr. Allen took questions from the OPG Commission and provided clarification regarding:
  - Timelines;
  - Purpose of the two JBC hearings (Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>);
  - Mr. Allen's role in presenting this request to the JBC as a neutral party;
  - In January, Mr. Allen will be required to make a recommendation as to if he is for or against the request;
  - The OPG's role at the Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> JBC hearing. Commission Chair Caton would have the opportunity to speak;
  - Proposed legislation, what happens if the JBC does not run the bill, and having a contingent sponsor; and
  - Advocacy and outreach reach efforts by the OPG Commission.

Commission Chair Caton recommended the Commission have a list of possible discussion items prepared for the next meeting.

Mr. Lake asked if the Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> JBC hearing was open to the public. Mr. Allen advised it is, however, no public comments are allowed.

Commission Chair Caton asked for a motion approving the Budget Supplemental Proposal and Budget Amendment for FY 18-19 and 19-20 with Legislative

Amendment Proposal, and the amendment in substituting Exhibit A as discussed today. Commissioner Lesco moved for adoption of the Budget Supplemental Proposal and Budget Amendment for FY 18-19 and 19-20 with Legislative Amendment Proposal and the amendment of Exhibit A. The motion was seconded by Commission Vice-Chair Bennett-Woods. The motion passed unanimously.

The agenda did not include a public comment period, however, Commission Chair Caton allowed comments from Ms. Welch and Mr. Hernandez, as she had allowed for Mr. Lake's question. Ms. Welch and Mr. Hernandez remain concerned that the OPG Commission focus is on funding instead of protections for the individuals who need guardianship services. Mr. Hernandez refers the OPG Commission to several studies and legislation in Nevada regarding public guardians.

## **II. Adjourn**

Commission Vice-Chair Bennett-Woods moved for the meeting to be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kelley. With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 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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Shari Caton, Commission Chair

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Deb Bennett-Woods, Commission  
Vice-Chair

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