



Family Mediator Certification Board Public Meeting

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Jan 31, 2023, at 2:00 PM EST to Jan 31, 2023, at 4:00 PM EST

OPLC, 7 Eagle Square, Concord NH 03301

Board Members Present: Fran Lane, Mary Sargent, Brianna Coakley, Cheryl Rocha, Rebecca Morley, and Judge Lemire appeared via Zoom.

Administrative Staff: Christine Horne, Administrator, Attorney Shane Goulet, and Attorney Nik Frye.

I. Call To Order- at 2:12 p.m. The Board welcomed new Board member Brianna Coakley. FL spoke of Honey Hasting's passing and what a loss this is for the mediator community. She made immense contributions to the Board.

II. Review and Approval of Agenda

III. Approval of Public Minutes- On motion from MS motion seconded by CR to approve August 11, 2022, minutes. Roll Call Vote 5-0-0. BC abstained.

Discussion ensued regarding a Board member working with OPLC on adopting rules to coincide with the passing of SB 336. FL is resigning from the Board effective February 1, 2023. Board will need to select someone.

Discussion ensued regarding length of time between meetings and remembering what took place it is difficult to approve minutes. Board would like to see the minutes sooner than waiting until the week before the next meeting to review. The time between meeting has been a challenge. Discussion regarding the legislative hearing to take place on Wednesday. If the length of time is longer than usual, the minutes can be sent out, however no changes can be made, and they can't be discussed outside the meeting.

IV. Public Appearances-None

V. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates

A. 45 Active Family Mediators

VI. Old Business

A. Next Board meeting agenda item; changing the language in RSA 328-C:2 Definitions. Attorney Goulet will help Board draft language, but Board will need to find a sponsor.

VII. New Business

A. Course Approvals

1. Mediator Skills Refresher-7 hours Skills- C. Rocha made a motion to approve this course. R. Morley seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

2. Experience the DOVE Project: Fundamental to Lawyers, Transformational to Survivors- 6 Hrs. Domestic Violence-the Board voted unanimously to deny this course on the basis that it is more from the attorney side of preparing a case than the mediator side of mediating a DV case.

3. Survivors Thrive with Legal Advocacy- 3 Hrs. Domestic Violence- the Board voted unanimously to deny this course on the basis that it is more from the attorney side of preparing a case than the mediator side of mediating a DV case.

4. Ethics of Legislation and Rule Changes: Passed, Amended and Pending- 3 Hrs. Ethics- R. Morley made a motion to approve this course. C. Rocha seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

5. Case Manager/ Mediator Summit- 2.5hrs. -Family Relationships, .75hr. Legal Update, 1.75hrs. Other- M. Sargent made a motion to approve this course, C. Rocha seconded, B. Coakley abstains and motion passes.

B. Board Chair Elections- tabled until the Board is full.

C. R. Morley would like to know if the Board will be able to get back to the regular schedule of the first Tuesday of the month.

D. FL chose a panel to be present for the show cause hearing the Board is scheduling.

VIII. Licensure Approval (if applicable)- None

IX. Rules Review and Other Legislative Topics

A. Legislative Service Requests so far- noted.

B. Legislative Service Requests OPLC is tracking. – noted.

C. Plc 300 Licensure Rules- noted.

D. SB 330 Final Report- noted.

X. Non-Public Session

*RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, **other than a member of this board**, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. * Roll Call Vote*

During this meeting the Board entered Non-Public and returned to public session multiple times as noted below.

A. Vote to Enter Non-Public Session- at 2:40 p.m. FL made a motion to enter non-public session, BC seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

B. Vote to Seal the Minutes from Non-Public Session - at 3:01 p.m. BC made a motion to seal the minutes from the non-public session, MS seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

C. Vote to Enter Non-Public Session - at 3:21 BC made a motion to enter non-public session, MS seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

D. Vote to Seal the minutes form the Non-Public Session- at 4:34 MS made a motion to seal the minutes from the non-public session CR seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

XI. Adjournment- MS made a motion to adjourn at 5:03 p.m. BC seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.