



Family Mediator Certification Board - Public Session Minutes

Family Mediator Certification Board
Jan 18, 2024 at 3:00 PM EST

Attendance

Present:

Members: David Burns, Briana Coakley, Rebecca Morley, Cheryl Rocha

I. Call To Order at 3:16p.m.

Introduction of Cassandra Brown, Attorney new to OPLC.

II. Review of Public Minutes

Motion to approve Draft Public Meeting Minutes of 11/7/23:

Motion moved by RM and motion seconded by CR. Roll Call Vote 4-0-0

III. Public Appearances

IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates

1. HB 1271 proposes to change the Family Mediators to an Advisory Board instead of a regular Board and change the size of the Board Members from 5 down to 3. The Hearing will be held January 31, 2024 at 10:45 (LOB) Legislative Office Building. OPLC sends general counsel to answer questions, however they are not submitting any positions. Board Counsel's are not authorized to submit testimony this year. The Legislature would like to hear testimony directly from the Boards themselves. The Board can deputize any Board member to present the Board's position. HB 1271 - The Board's position is to oppose this bill. Brianna Coakley may be available for testimony at the hearing.
2. HB 1676 proposes to sunset and deregulate the Boards that are deemed not effective, by a Commission which is Appointed by the Governor and the Legislature and deregulate by 2030. The hearing will be held January 25, 2024. If the commission does not make a decision on these bills, then they will sunset and then they could be built back at a later date.
3. Board Options: Create letters for each bill, place onto the Board's letterhead and submit it as written testimony, and deputize any Board member which may be available to attend.

Motion regarding Legislation Bills:

Motion by BC to appoint any Board member to draft letters to submit for written testimony, and to deputize any Board member available to attend and provide oral or written testimony on either of the house bills.

Motion moved by BC and motion seconded by RM. Roll Call Vote 4-0-0

V. Old Business

- A. Chapter 328-C Family Mediator Certification Board Laws & Rules

FYI For the Board

B. SB 150 - Composition of the Board itself

FYI for the Board

C. Fam 100 - 700 Board Administrative Rules

FYI for the Board

VI. New Business

A. HB 308 Remote Participation Requirements

FYI for the Board. The quorum in house is: 4

B. Course Approvals

1. Marion Rosseau

Motion to Approve Marion Rosseau request:

The Fundamentals of Parenting Coordination

Motion moved by BC and motion seconded by RM. Roll Call Vote 4-0-0

2. Erin Alarcon

When reviewing the multiple ce requests, if you hover over each course title, it will take you to the beginning page of the course.

Motion to Approve Multiple Courses for Alarcon:

1. (Mediation Skills) Motion to Approve BC motion seconded by CR, roll call vote 4-0-0.
2. AG's 2023 Conference requesting approval for course #2, #3, #4, #5 all together. When posting to the approved course list, these will be separated, Motion to approve #2-5 Motion by RM and motion seconded by BC, roll call vote 4-0-0.
3. (Domestic Violence Training) On motion from BC to Approve motion seconded by CR, roll call vote 4-0-0. Post online the date on the certificate. Approved for 2 hrs as requested.
4. (Families in Addiction) On motion from RM to approve, motion seconded by BC, roll call vote 4-0-0.
5. (Initial Training on Addiction & Recovery) On motion from CR to approve 6 hr course by NHHS motion seconded by BC, roll call vote 4-0-0.
6. (Family Law Update) (List by Minutes-160 minutes) On motion to approve by BC motion seconded by CR, roll call vote 4-0-0.

7. (NHWBA 2023 Annual Family Law CLE) List as 180 mins. On motion to approve by BC, motion seconded by CR, roll call vote 4-0-0.
8. (2023 Family Law CLE) On motion to approve by BC, motion seconded by CR, roll call vote 4-0-0.
9. (Mediation Theory and Practice) 3 hrs. On motion from RM, motion seconded by BC, roll call vote 4-0-0.

3. James Ferro

Under this person, there is one course where Mr. Ferro is requesting approval for presenting. The other courses are requesting approval of the course itself.

Motion to Approve Multiple Courses Ferro:

1. Domestic Violence - motion to approve BC motion to second CR, roll call vote 4-0-0.
2. Intelligent Practitioner - On motion from BC to approve, motion to second RM, roll call vote 4-0-0.
3. Maximizing Mediation - On motion from BC to approve, motion to second RM, roll call vote 4-0-0.

4. Francis Lane

Multiple Courses for approval

Motion to Approve Multiple Courses Lane:

1. Presenter - Core Training Program: Roundtable Mediation-A Certified NH Family Mediator Program
2. Illogic and Ethics -
3. Identifying and Addressing Parent / Child Contract Problems in Parenting & Divorce
4. Presenter - Core Training Program: Courts & Mediation, Divorce & Legal Separation-Grounds, Preparation of Mediated Agreements, Parental Rights & Responsibilities, Child Support

Motion moved by RM and motion seconded by CR. On motion and second above, to approve all courses listed above. Roll Call Vote 3-0-1 BC abstained.

5. Teresa Mahoney-Mullen

Multiple courses for approval.

Motion to Approve Multiple Courses:

1. 23rd Annual Family Law Forum - Tabled
2. Apology and Forgiveness in Mediation -

3. Basic Addiction Science -
4. Case Manager and Mediator Summit -
5. Crossroads of Mediator Ethics and IPV -
6. A Mediators Tension -

Motion moved by RM and motion seconded by CM. On motion and second above to approve #2-#6, Roll Call Vote 3-0-1 BC abstained

Tabled the approval of the 23rd Annual Family Law Forum. pending receipt of the second page. Once the second page is received, approval can be issued. All others approved.

6. Margaret Huang

Motion to Approve:

Case Manager and Divorce Parenting Mediator Summit (Huang)

Motion moved by RM and motion seconded by CR. Roll Call Vote 3-0-1 CR abstained.

7. Kristen Kelley

Motion to Approve:

NHCRA Annual Meeting (Kelley)

Motion moved by RM and motion seconded by CR. Roll Call Vote 3-0-1 C abstained

VII. Licensure

VIII. Late Agenda Item CE

RM submitted a suggestion to the Board. She wants to start the conversation about changing the requirements. RM will amend this and resubmit to Board Administrator.

RM will not be in attendance next meeting, but will resubmit it. Tabled for 2 meetings from now so she could be part of the discussion. This is a Statutory Change, not a rule change. Council was told this could be changed, (328-C:6) but this law change is a bigger lift. OPLC changed the requirement from 3 years down to 2, so this is why this is becoming a discussion.

IX. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics

X. Non-Public Session

Non-Public session conducted for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Board business. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c) & (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, *Lodge v. Knowlton*, (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

Motion to move into NP session at 5:03 p.m.:

Roll call vote 4-0-0.

XI. Resume Public Session at: 5:20 p.m.

XII. Seal The Minutes of the Non-Public Session

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Minutes of the non-public session are sealed to maintain the privacy of the items discussed in non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), on the grounds that public disclosure may adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member or render the proposed action ineffective.

Motion to Seal the Min of Non-Public Session:

Motion moved by BC and motion seconded by RM. roll call vote 4-0-0

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion moved by RM and motion seconded by CR. Roll Call Vote 4-0-0