



Guardian ad Litem Public Agenda Minutes

Guardian Ad Litem Board
Nov 17, 2023 at 1:00 PM EST

I. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting for the New Hampshire Board of Guardian ad Litem was held at 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH on November 17, 2023. Unless otherwise indicated, the members present were.

Present:

Susan Duncan, Public Member, Chair

Jay Buckey, Attorney at Law

Edward Gordon, Public Member

Jennifer Knox-Dassau, Licensed Guardian ad Litem, Remote

Mark Paige, NH House of Representatives

Teresa Boyer, Board Administrator

Terese Barton, Board Administrator

Rahkiya Medley, Board Counsel

Susan Duncan, Board Chair opened the meeting at 1:12pm.

Motion moved by Susan Duncan and motion seconded by Jennifer Knox-Dassau. Roll call unanimous Jennifer Knox-Dassau voted remote, GAL board meeting opened at 1:12 pm.

II. Public Minutes from May 19, 2023

Tabled to the next meeting.

III. OPLC/Board Administrator Updates

A. Introduction/Welcome New Board Members

Jay Buckey
Jennifer Dassau

B. Discussion of Board Positions

Motion:

On a motion by Edward Gordon, and seconded by Jay Buckey for Susan Duncan as Board Chair and Jennifer Knox-Dassau Vice Chair a Roll call vote was unanimous. Jennifer Knox-Dassau voted remote.

IV. CE Requests

A. Legal Implications for recognizing and Treating Children and Adolescents with Dissociative Disorders

On a motion by Edward Gordon, seconded by Mark Paige, the Board voted to approve the CE request "Legal Implications for Recongizing and Treating Children and Adolesents with Dissociative Disorders" with a unaimous roll call vote, Jennifer Knox-Dassau voted remote.

B. Partnering for a Future without Violence

On a motion by Edward Gordon, seconded by Mark Paige, the Board voted to approve the CE request "Partnering for a Future without Violence" with a unanimous roll call vote, Jennifer Knox-Dassau voted remote.

V. Rules Review and other Legislative Topics-Rahkiya Medley

VI. Non Public

Motion to commence the first non-public session:

At 1:39 pm on a motion by Edward Gordon and seconded by Susan Duncan, the Board voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct, Guardian ad Liem applications with irregularities and other Board business and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3, II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, RSA 329:18, I, RSA 329:18-a, IV, RSA 329:29, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 NH 574 (1978) and the Boards executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous roll call vote of all members present. Jennifer Knox-Dassau voted remotely.

VII. Sealing of Non-Public Minutes

Motion to keep minutes of the first non-public session confidential:

Upon the motion by Jay Buckey and seconded by Mark Paige, the Board voted to withhold the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than member and/or to render the proposed action ineffective and/or is not subject to public disclosure pursuant to RSA 329:18, I, RSA 329:18-a, IV or RSA 329:29. However, forty-eight hours after the mailing of any order, its' respective vote shall automatically become public in accordance with RSA 329:18-a. Each member recorded his/her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous roll call vote of all members present. Jennifer Knox-Dassau voted remotely.

VIII. Adjournment

On a motion moved by Edward Gordon and seconded by Mark Paige, the Board voted unaimously by a roll call vote, Jennifer Knox-Dassasu voted remotely, to adjourn the public session at 3:04 pm.