



# Guardian ad Litem Public Agenda Minutes

Guardian Ad Litem Board  
Jan 19, 2024 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 January 19, 2024. 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 Zoom

Caroline Delaney, Attorney at Law

### **Staff:**

Rahkiya Medley, Board Counsel

Cassandra Brown, Board Counsel

Terese Barton, Board Administrator

### **Absent:**

Senator Kevin Avard, Judge Henrietta Luneau, Mark Paige, NH House of Representatives

## **I. Call to Order**

Susan Duncan, Board Chair called the Guardian ad Litem board meeting to order at 1:09 pm. Board Member J. Knox-Dassau participated the meeting via zoom due to illness. On a motion by J. Buckey and seconded by E. Gordon, the Board voted to accept J. Knox-Dassau's participation via zoom with a unanimous roll call vote.

## **II. Public Minutes from May 19, 2023**

On a motion by E. Gordon and seconded by C. Delaney, the Board voted to accept the public minutes from May 19, 2023, with a roll call vote. J. Buckey and J. Knox-Dassau abstained.

### **A. Public Minutes from November 17, 2023**

On a motion by E. Gordon and seconded by J. Buckey, the Board voted to accept the minutes from November 17, 2023, with a roll call vote. C. Delaney abstained.

### **III. OPLC/Board Administrator Updates**

- A. GAL Certification Process and Training Requirements- w/Rahkiya Medley & Licensing @ 1:30 pm

The Board discussed the required trainings for the initial licensure for new Guardian ad Litem applicants. During the discussion, the primary topic remained on the availability of the trainings, how to register for them, and when the next trainings would become available. Ralph Morin who was in attendance during the public forum stated that future required courses for GAL's will be in progress for perspective GALs to take for licensure. Suggestions on how to reach perspective GALs are, as follows, updating the GAL webpage and sending out an email blast about future trainings.

- B. OPLC/Updates/Email/01-12-2024 (FYI)

### **IV. Rules Review and other Legislative Topics-Rahkiya Medley**

Board Counsel Rahkiya Medley discussed with the Board on HB1192, HB1573, HB1676, and HB1271. On HB1271, the Board voted for E. Gordon to represent the Board on their position to oppose HB1271 with a unanimous roll call vote.

### **V. Public Appearances - None**

### **VI. CE Requests - Ralph Morin**

Tabled until the next meeting on February 16, 2024.

### **VII. New Business - None**

### **VIII. License Approval - None**

### **IX. Non Public**

Non-Public session is 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.

On a motion by J. Buckey and seconded by C. Delaney, the Board voted to go into Non-Public session with a unanimous roll call vote.

**X. Sealing of Non-Public Minutes**

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.

On a motion by J. Buckey and seconded by C. Delaney, the Board voted to seal the Non-Public minutes with a unanimous roll call vote.

**XI. Adjournment**

Adjournment called at 3:00pm. The next Guardian ad Litem meeting is February 16, 2024, at 1 pm.