

Guardian ad Litem Board
Public Minutes
February 18, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.
7 Eagle Square, Concord

A meeting of the Guardian ad Litem Board was held on February 18, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Duncan at 1:05 p.m. Also, in attendance were: Representative David Welch, Attorney Caroline Delaney, Representative Ned Gordon and Attorney Sarah Blodgett. Not in attendance were Honorable Henrietta Luneau, Senator Avard and David Villiotti. Attending from OPLC was Chris Horne and Shana Warriner.

1. **Reading and approval of the January 28, 2022 Minutes-** Representative Gordon made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2022, meeting. Representative Welch seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

2. **Unfinished Business-**

a. Trainings for 2022-

1. Domestic Violence- Will be in April and will be free of charge.
2. Judges Panel- Still working on getting a panel together..
3. Nuts and Bolts Training-Ralph Morin has agreed to help with trainings. Board would like to have also Todd Prevett help with portions of the training.

3. **Communications General-**

a. HB 1520 – GAL’s to provide itemized bills to paying party and upon request to any party to the case. No issues with this HB. Chairperson Duncan will testify. Representative Gordon made a motion for Chairperson Duncan to provide information to the committee regarding itemized billing seconded by Attorney Blodgett motion passes with a roll call vote.

b. HB 1515 – Relative to procedures for GAL’s family court proceedings. Looking only at the amendment. If passes the house Chairperson Duncan will testify in the Senate. Will take Representative Gordons information on supreme court ruling about being evidence. Attorney Blodgett made a motion if HB1515 passes the house Chairperson Duncan will testify against it in the Senate. Representative Welch seconded and motion passes with roll call vote.

c. HB 1612 – Relative to confidentiality of reports made to DCYF and requiring GAL’s to be appointed in certain circumstances. The board will watch as it is still in committee. Chairperson Duncan will send an email to the committee and the board and Representative Gordon will review as well. Attorney Delaney made a motion to have Chairperson Duncan send a letter to committee and copy the board seconded by Representative Welch motion passes with a roll call vote.

4. **CEU Requests-** See sheet submitted by GAL. Motion to approve by Representative Gordon seconded by Attorney Blodgett motion passes with roll call vote.

5. **Renewals – 8-1-21-to-current** – Just and FYI

a. Mary Ann Callanan

b. Amy Driscoll

c. Judith Hamilton

d. Patricia Clauss

e. James Shepherd

f. Tracy Shepherd

5. Board Updates- Per Diem and Mileage forms discussed. Those who wish to have these will need to complete the necessary provided forms. Those who do not want this can sign a document declining.

6. New Business- Board discussed the Board members who have not been able to come to the meetings. Chairperson Duncan will reach out to D. Villiotti to see if he would like to continue with the Board. Representative Gordon will reach out to Judge Luneau.

7. Non-Public Session-

a. Upon the motion of Representative Welch and the second of Attorney Delaney, the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 2:02 p.m. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II(j), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 118 N.H.574(1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by unanimous vote of all members present.

b. Upon return to public session at 3:01 p.m. Representative Welch made a motion to seal the non-public minutes. Attorney Blodgett seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

8. Adjournment-

a. Next meeting March 18, 2022

b. Representative Gordon made a motion to adjourn at 2:24 p.m. Representative Blodgett seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.