

**Guardian ad-Litem Board
Public Minutes
February 19, 2016
121 South Fruit Street**

A meeting of the Guardian ad Litem Board was held on February 19, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Susan Duncan at 1:02. Also in attendance were: Attorney Chris Keating, David Villotti, Attorney Alan Cantor, David Robbins, Attorney Betsy Paine (arrived at 2pm), Master Henrietta Luneau. Not present were Representative David Welch and Senator Dave Pierce.

1. Call to Order- 1:02

2. Reading and Approval of Minutes of January 15, 2016 meeting- Chairperson Duncan suggested changing item 4a regarding training be conducted by the GAL Board. Chairperson Duncan suggests adding full names/titles to future minutes, use Attorney not Esquire. Attorney Keating moved to approve, Attorney Paine seconded, Unanimous. Attorney Cantor moved to accept non-public minutes, David Robbins seconded, Unanimous. David Robbins moved to seal non-public minutes, Master Luneau seconded, Unanimous. Chairperson Duncan moved to item 7 next.

7. Unfinished Business- Attorney Robert Lomberti of the OPLC explained he is working on GAL rules. Some have expired, others need updating. Prior revisions worked on by GAL Board are being reviewed. Attorney Keating moves to authorize chair to sign temporary rules, Master Luneau seconded, Unanimous. Board consensus that Attorney Lomberti draft revisions for further review by board.

3 Communications-

- a. 4 renewals sent out for three month window to renew.
- b. Maine State Bar Association training info shared with members. No follow up necessary.
- c. Email from Denise Sousa-Board suggests responding that the Board has no jurisdiction nor can give advice over this matter.

4. CEU Requests-

- a. 9th Annual Ethics- Approved 2 CEUs
- b. Specialty Trusts- Approved for 2 CEUs
- c. Mediation & Intimate Partner Violence- request agenda for further review (4 CEUs)
- d. Roles of Mediator- request agenda for further review (3 CEUs)
- e. Legal Updates- to request agenda for further review (3CEUs)
- f. Changing Trends in Parenting Plans- Approved 7 CEUs

- g. Introduction to Autism- Approved for 6 CEUs
- h. Behavior Analysis and Therapy Workshops- rejected because it duplicates a previous similar approved course.
- i. Children with Special Needs: Challenges for Families and the Family Court- Approved 7 CEUs

5 GAL Statistics as of Feb 19-

6 Board Actions-

- a. Restraint Issues- Approved after requested info was presented 2 CEUs
- b. Walk the Line- Approved after requested info was presented 4.25 CEUs
- c. Concepts & Principles of Behavior Analysis- Approved after requested info was presented 6 CEUs

8 New Business-

- a. HB 513. In Legislature, future discussion for board meeting
- b. Todd Prevett. Board will discuss during non-public meeting.

9 Non-Public Session-

Attorney Paine moved to go into Non-Public session for the purposes of discussing a matter which if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of a person or persons who is not a member of this body pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c)
David Robbins seconded. Roll call vote.

Return from non-public meeting-

Attorney Keating moves to seal non-public minutes, David Robbins seconded. Roll Call vote.

Attorney Keating moves to waive filing fee for new complaint. David Robbins seconded, unanimous.

David Robbins discussed email from Rockefeller Center at Dartmouth. Questions about 2011 loss of GAL funding and updated child support guidelines. Chairperson Duncan believes David Robbins can speak as an individual not on behalf of the board.

Attorney Keating leaves at 2:53

10 Adjournment-

Adjournment 3:00. Attorney Paine moved, David Robbins Seconded, Unanimous.

Next meeting March 18, 2016