

**GUARDIANSHIP CERTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of Meeting**

Office of Court Administration
Tom C. Clark Building
205 W. 14th Street, Rm. 605
Austin, Texas 78701
Friday, December 11, 2015
(1:00 p.m. Until Adjournment)

The meeting of the Guardianship Certification Advisory Board was called to order by Jamie MacLean, Presiding Officer, at 1:06 p.m. Presiding Officer Jamie MacLean was present at the meeting. Judge Gladys Burwell, Judge Chris Wilmoth, Jason Armstrong, and Toni Rhodes Glover attended by teleconference. The staff members present were Jeff Rinard, Lesley Ondrechen, Michele Henricks, Scott Gibson, Veena Mohan and Tyees Holcombe.

Mr. MacLean gave opening remarks and welcomed the Board members.

Mr. MacLean acknowledged the prior meeting minutes. The Board reviewed and voted to approve the Board minutes from the June 23, 2015, Guardianship Certification Advisory Board meeting.

The Advisory Board reviewed the public comment submitted by Debby Valdez on the prospective guardianship oversight. The Board reviewed all eleven of Ms. Valdez's comments and voted to make recommendations to the JBCC at the next February 5, 2015 meeting of the full Commission. The Board made recommendations on #3 and #5 for a JBCC rule change. The Board also voted #4 as a JBCC staff policy change to notify all courts and county clerks upon the revocation of a certified guardian's certification. Other items considered by the Board would require a statutory change to be effective. Ms. Valdez addressed the Board on these matters.

The Advisory Board reviewed all three items from agenda item V of the Commission items delegated to the Advisory Board. No recommendation was made on item A. The Board recommended to place item B on the agenda for the next Advisory Board meeting for further discussion and review. The Advisory Board recommended item C to be a part of JBCC policy change for notification of courts and counties when the guardian's certification has been revoked or suspended as previously discussed.

The Advisory Board reviewed and discussed the legislative updates provided by JBCC General Counsel Scott Gibson newly proposed Guardianship Code of Ethics which was combined with the Guardianship Certification Minimum Standards. The changes were added directly from HB 2665 and SB 1882. The Board voted to make changes and amend the Code and recommend the proposed Code of Ethics with amendments to the Commission at the JBCC meeting on February 5, 2015. Upon approval by the JBCC the Code will be sent to the Supreme Court for adoption.

Jeff Rinard and Scott Gibson gave an overview on the development of a new JBCC penalty matrix for all professions which will create consistency for the JBCC when imposing penalties and sanctions for violations of the law, rules or codes of ethics. In the materials Scott Gibson provided the draft to begin working on the penalty matrix. Work will begin on this project at the next scheduled Advisory Board meeting.

Lesley Ondrechen, Licensing Manager, gave an update on the criminal history review process.

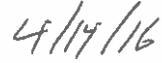
A future meeting date was not selected.

Debby Valdez, Jorge Ramirez, Alex Jones, and Belinda Carlton attended the meeting and addressed the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.



Jamie MacLean
Presiding Officer



Date