

GUARDIANSHIP CERTIFICATION BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 13, 2006
3:00 p.m.

Office of Court Administration
205 W. 14th St., Suite 605
Austin, Texas

COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

Judge Gladys Burwell called the meeting of the Guardianship Certification Board (GCB or Board) to order on November 13, 2006 at 3:22 p.m. The meeting was held at the Office of Court Administration in Austin, Texas. Notice of this meeting was posted on the GCB's website and distributed to interested persons in accordance with the GCB's public meetings policy.

ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS

Meredith Musick, Executive Assistant at the Office of Court Administration, called the roll. The following members of the GCB were present:

Judge Gladys Burwell, Chair
Jason Armstrong
Garth Corbett
Dr. Raymond Costello
Carol Patrice Dabner
Don D. Ford
Philip A. Grant
Marlane Meyer
Patti Turner
Robert Warach

All members attended via telephone conference call. Leah Cohen, Susan Eason, Gina D. Patterson and Janis Thompson did not participate. Others present were Carl Reynolds, Administrative Director, Katie Bond, Assistant General Counsel, and Meredith Musick, Executive Assistant, all of the Office of Court Administration and Antonio Franco, Director of the Guardianship Certification Program. Logan Spence from the Office of the Governor was also present..

PROPOSED FEES FOR GUARDIANSHIP CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Ms. Bond reported that no written comments were received to the proposed fees for the guardianship certification program. Judge Burwell called for a motion that the Board adopt the fees as proposed: application fee \$25; Texas examination fee \$100; re-certification fee \$25; and late fee \$75. Upon motion and second, and there being no discussion, the chair called for an

individual vote. The motion carried with no opposition. The proposed fees will be forwarded to the Supreme Court for consideration.

UPDATE ON MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CERTIFIED GUARDIANS

Ms. Bond reminded the Board that the National Guardianship Association (NGA) had agreed to allow the Board to use its standards as a starting point for development of Texas standards. NGA had asked to be informed as standards were proposed and adopted, which Ms. Bond has done. NGA had some concerns about the changes the Board had made to standards 14 and 15. A conference call to discuss is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15. Three NGA board members, Judge Burwell, Mr. Corbett (as chair of the minimum standards committee) and Mr. Ford (chair of the rules committee) will participate in the call. Justice Phil Johnson, the Supreme Court's liaison to the Board, may participate.

The Board discussed possible scenarios and concerns regarding adoption of minimum standards if NGA is opposed to the Board's proposed standards. Ms. Bond will report the outcome of the call to the full Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 19, 2007 beginning at 9:30 a.m. It will be held in the Office of Court Administration's offices in Austin.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.