



## ADULT PUBLIC GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW BOARD

November 18, 2025, Meeting Minutes

### Meeting Location

Department of Health & Human Services

401 Hungerford Drive

5<sup>th</sup> Large Conference Room

Rockville, MD 20850

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### Attendance

#### Members Present (In-person and remote)

- Fiona Graham, Department of Health & Human Services, Secretary to the Board
- Ellen Franks, Disability Professional M. A. Chair
- Margarita Matamoros, Social Worker
- Lynn Nover, Lay Person
- Stephanie Edelstein, Commission on Aging Liaison
- JoAnne Sperber, Lay Person

#### Members Not Present

- Barbara Mulitz, Esquire Attorney Representative
- Robin Peters, Nurse
- Marilou Tablang-Jimenez, Psychiatrist

### Proof of Quorum

Must have (5) members. ☒ Yes / ☐ No

### Guests

- Melissa Wu, Esquire
- Nina Helwig, Esquire
- Richard Pasicuto, Esquire
- Jackie Osborne, Office Services Coordinator

### Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll call via sign-in sheet, we did have a quorum.

Motion made by: Stephanie Edelstein

Seconded by: Ellen Franks

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## Welcome and Introductions

Purpose of the Review Board: §14-404 At least every 6 months the review board shall conduct a record review of each guardianship that a public agency holds. The review board shall recommend that the guardianship be: continued, modified, or terminated. The disabled individual shall attend if able, be represented by the attorney that the disabled individuals chooses or an attorney who is appointed by the court. Except for purposes of a judicial proceeding under this title, all records of the review board are confidential.

Open Meeting Act: The State's Adult Public Guardianship Review Boards meet the definition a "public body", because they were created by State statute, and they are multi-member boards appointed by the chief executive authority of a political subdivision. Montgomery County, County Executive appoints the members to the Review Board. However, the Review Board meetings may be conducted in closed sessions when those meetings involve any discussion of specific guardianship cases or other confidential matters. *(Please note that using A. I. is a Violation of County Policy. Your link to the meeting will be deleted if A. I. is attached to your log in.)*

**\*\*Move to Close Session\*\*** - REASON: To examine the guardianship held by public agencies, the records and information upon which the board relies includes information about the provision of social services to wards. Such records and information are confidential and prohibited from disclosure under Maryland Code Ann., Human Services §1-201, which protects social services records.

## Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

October Minutes Approved by the Board Members

## Review of Cases Presented: 17 Cases; 7 In-Person Reviews 10 File Reviews

1. The Board heard **7** cases as in-person reviews, with social workers and court appointed attorneys for the client in attendance. The cases were presented virtually and in person. These proceedings are closed to the public.
2. The Board reviewed and voted on **10** cases as file reviews. This review requires the guardianship clients to be stable medically and in their living arrangements for at least a year. The client's social worker and attorney are not required to be present unless a full review is requested by the Board, the client, the social worker, or the court -appointed attorney.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on December 16, 2025, at 1:00pm.

Submitted by,

*Jackie Osborne*

Adult Public Guardianship Review Board Liaison