

# NEW MEXICO WINGS

## WORKING INTERDISCIPLINARY NETWORK OF GUARDIANSHIP STAKEHOLDERS

**HON. LEE A. KIRKSEY**  
5th Judicial District Court, Chair

### **MEETING MINUTES** **June 14, 2024** **General Meeting of the Entire Network**

#### **Hybrid Meeting**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:09 pm.

Members answered roll call, and a quorum was present at the beginning of the meeting. The following Network members were either present at the beginning or joined thereafter:

#### **Present in-person:**

Hon. Lee Kirksey; Hon. Shannon Bacon; Hon. Dan Bryant; Ms. Mary Lou Poli; Ms. Alice Liu McCoy; Ms. Mary Galvez; Mr. Tim Gardner; Mr. Bruce Tennant; Ms. Patricia Galindo.

#### **Present via Google Meets:**

Hon. Bryan Biedscheid; Mr. Eli Fresquez; Sen. Linda Lopez; Rep. Joanne Ferrary; Ms. Veronica Chavez Neuman; Ms. Margaret "Peggy" Graham; Ms. DeAnza Valencia.

#### **The following members were not present:**

Dr. Christine Burns; Hon. William Johnson; Hon. Sarah Weaver; Ms. Allison Block-Chavez; Mr. Joseph Maestas.

The members reviewed the draft minutes from the April 12, 2024, meeting. Ms. Galindo moved to approve the draft minutes. The second was by Ms. Galvez. The draft minutes for April 12 were approved on a voice vote.

Next, the members reviewed the draft agenda for the June 14 meeting. Justice Bacon moved to approve the draft agenda. The second was by Ms. Poli. The draft agenda was approved by voice vote.

Following approval of the minutes and the agenda, Judge Kirksey introduced the Supreme Court Rule relating to proposed legislation, noting the timeline for any legislation that might be recommended by the Network.

Next, Ms. Galindo presented on proposed legislation to amend the laws related to procedures upon the death of a protected person. Members viewed and discussed a document with the proposed

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statutory amendments. Discussion included procedures to notify the court of the death of the protected person, expedited hearings to authorize funeral arrangements and payment, authorizing a guardian to obtain a death certificate without a court order, creating a process to allow a guardian to request appointment as personal representative, requiring a final hearing upon the death of the protected person, and the appointment of a successor upon the death of a guardian. Ms. Galindo made notations and changes to the draft document that reflected the consensus of the Network. Justice Bacon moved to recommend the proposed legislation, as amended by the Network, to the Supreme Court. The second was by Mr. Gardner. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Next on the agenda, Ms. Galvez presented a proposal for a protected person's "Bill of Rights." Members viewed the draft documents that had been developed by the WINGS training subcommittee. Discussion included a different order of the "rights," ways to make the document more readable and understandable by protected persons, and clarification of a protected person's right to participate in decisions about where and with whom they will live. Ms. Galvez made notations and changes that reflected the consensus of the Network members. After consensus was reached, Judge Bryant moved to take the next steps to recommend the proposed "Bill of Rights," as amended, to the Supreme Court. The second was by Justice Bacon. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Ms. Liu McCoy introduced a guest speaker, Mr. Jonathon Martinis, who briefly presented the concept of supportive decision-making. Following his presentation, Ms. Liu McCoy presented legislation on the topic that will be proposed by the Office of the Guardian. Ms. Galindo moved for the Network to recommend the proposed legislation to the Supreme Court. The second was by Ms. Poli, and the motion was approved by a voice vote.

Ms. Graham provided a brief update on the work of the process-changes subcommittee, noting that it was considering the topics of mediation and training for court visitors.

There was no new business.

Ms. Loraine Mendiola made public comments.

Ms. Poli moved to adjourn the meeting. The second was by Mr. Gardner. The motion was approved on a voice vote, and the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:09 pm.