

# New Mexico WINGS

Working Interdisciplinary Network of Guardianship Stakeholders

Judge Lee A. Kirksey  
Fifth Judicial District Court, Chair

## MEETING MINUTES

Quarterly Meeting

Virtual Meeting via Google Meet

January 9, 2026

2:00 – 4:00 pm

The Chair called the meeting to Order at 2:03 pm.

Members present were announced by the Coordinator, and a quorum was present at the commencement of the meeting.

**Present and announced during roll call:** Judge Kirksey, Allison Block-Chavez, Patricia Galindo, Mary Galvez, Tim Gardner, Margaret Graham, Marylou Poli, Dr. Rex Swanda, Othiamba Umi, Alice Liu McCoy, Bruce Tennant, Fallon Vincell, Representative Ferarry, and Andrew Vallejos.

The Network Members reviewed the Minutes from the November 7, 2025, meeting. Mary Galvez moved to approve the Minutes. The second was by Marylou Poli. The Minutes from November 7, 2025, were approved on a voice vote.

Next, Members reviewed the draft agenda for January 9, 2026. Margaret Graham moved to approve the agenda. The second was by Marylou Poli, and the agenda was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Following approval of the Minutes and Agenda, Judge Kirksey informed the group of new appointees and roles they were now filling on WINGS.

The first item discussed on the agenda was a proposed final rough draft of the Guardian's Annual Report. Patricia Galindo informed group that feedback received by attendees to the workshop and subcommittee meetings was integrated into this version. The Chair encouraged all Members to review this most current version for any further suggestions or revisions that can be made.

The next item on the agenda was a proposed final rough draft of the Ten-Year Review checklist. Mary Galvez stated that the form is still in process, and the Chair encouraged Members to review this most current version and provide any feedback or suggestions of revisions that can be made. Judge Kirksey advised that finalization on both Items is necessary to submit to Supreme Court for approval.

Next, Alice Liu McCoy shared a presentation about Supported Decision-Making in New Mexico. Ms. McCoy narrated and explained that this is a great alternative to guardianship and the Supported Decision-Making Act (NMSA §24-7D-1 to 14) has been approved as of 2025. Following discussion, group was also informed that a proposed Supported Decision-Making Agreement has been drafted and an oral motion was made to recommend and endorse the Agreement to the Supreme Court for approval. The motion was seconded and a recommendation letter will be submitted to the Supreme Court.

The following item discussed was a rule change request for a potential new temporary Guardianship/Conservatorship form. One member stated that the requestor seems to be referring to the Notice of Hearing and Rights. The Chair would like for Process Changes subcommittee to take on the project and report back to Network.

The next item was a roundtable discussion for any legislative updates, if any. No suggestions or bills for legislation have been received. Justice Bacon stated that there was the possibility of a bill suggestion with regards to 45-5-429 that would be presented during the 2027 session, but discussion and planning should take place now and before the end of the year to be prepared.

Final Items were about subcommittee and any current projects:

- Process Changes: Tim Gardner stated that subcommittee will begin working the new aforementioned task assigned during the meeting.
- Training: Margaret Graham will continue to work and finalize the checklists for Court Visitors, Guardian Ad Litem, and Qualified Healthcare Professionals.
- Oversight: Mary Galvez will continue to work and finalize the Ten-Year Review Checklist

Under new business, The Chair advised that they did not have any for the group and asked group if there was any to discuss or share. Group did not have any new business to discuss.

There were no submissions for public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 pm.