

**ADULT PUBLIC GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW BOARD
OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
Drumcastle Center
6401 York Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21212**

On February 19, 2025, a virtual meeting was held by the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Delores Ryland, R.N.	-	Nurse Representative
Marcella Watts	-	Lay Representative
Ms. Marsha Young	-	Local Non-Profit Organization Representative

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michelle Davey, LCSW-C	-	Representative Local Department of Social Services
Barry Goldstein, Esquire	-	Attorney Representative

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kim Caspari, Esquire, Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service; Shutic Coates, LMSW, Guardianship Unit, Baltimore County Department of Social Services (DSS); Tameka Collins, LMSW, Guardianship Unit, Baltimore County Department of Social Services (DSS); Maurika Eaton, LMSW, Guardianship Unit, Baltimore County Department of Social Services (DSS); Janet Fedder, Esquire, Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service; Amy Fingles, Public Guardianship, Baltimore County Department of Aging (DoA); Melissa Golson, LCSW-C, Supervisor, Guardianship Unit, Baltimore County Department of Social Services (DSS); Andy Hall, Esquire, King/Hall LLC; Ogreta Johnson, Esquire, McGuire Grimes, LLC; Donna Lynn, Public Guardianship, Baltimore County Department of Aging (DoA); Carolyn Malinowski, Esquire, Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service; Mary McMurrin, Public Guardianship, Baltimore County Department of Aging; Michelle Robinson, LCSW-C, Guardianship Unit, DSS; Baltimore County Department of Social Services (DSS); Gem Wilson, LMSW, Adult Foster Care/Project Home Unit, Baltimore County Department of Social Services

Business Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 8:36 am.

Roll Call – All introduced themselves and their position on the Board.

Approval of Minutes – The Minutes for January 19, 2025, meeting were approved.

Election of Officers: The Board members will vote on the officer positions at next month's meeting.

The Board's Caseload: The Board's caseload continues to grow. In April, the Board will review 79 cases. The Board and the Board's liaison will continue to advocate that DoA and DSS guardianship cases be reviewed separately by two Boards. The current process is not sustainable. A copy of the Board's April agenda will be sent to both the DoA and DSS Directors as well as the County Executive's Office.

File Review Results – The Board unanimously agreed to continue 28 cases.

Hearing Minutes: 53 Cases/25 Reg./28 F.R. (2 Reg. cases were postponed)

The Board heard **25** cases as full reviews with social workers and court-appointed attorneys for the client in attendance presenting the case virtually.

The Board reviewed and voted on **28** cases as file reviews. This type of review requires the guardianship client to be medically stable 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 either by the Board, the client, the social worker, or the court-appointed attorney.

NEXT MEETING

The Board will hold its next meeting **virtually on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 am.

Submitted by,

Faye Allard

Adult Public Guardianship Review Board Liaison