

Supreme Court of Nevada
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MEETING SUMMARY
PERMANENT GUARDIANSHIP COMMISSION
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Date and Time of Meeting: Friday, July 25, 2025

Place of Meeting: Remote Access via Zoom

Members Present

Judge Denise Gentile, Co-Chair	Melissa Brown	John Michaelson
Judge Tamatha Schreinert, Co-Chair	Mary Bryant	Julie Lindesmith
Debra Amens	Ali Caliendo	John Michaelson
Debra Bookout	Judge Kriston Hill	Jennifer Rains
Tracey Bowles	Lynn Hughs	Dana Sisk
Shauna Brennan	Kathleen Jones	Judge Gloria Sturman

AOC Staff

Kate McCloskey
John McCormick
Martina Schambra

Other Attendees

Staci Anderson	Barbara Kyle
Whitney Jones	Emily Reed
Karen Kelly	William Voy

- I. **Call to Order**— Judge Schreinert called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.
 - Ms. Schambra called roll; a quorum was present.
 - The February 21, 2025, meeting summary was approved. Minor spelling errors were noted for later correction.
 - Judge Schreinert and Judge Gentile thanked the Commission for their hard work during the legislative session. Judge Schreinert noted that Whitney Jones is now the Minor Guardianship Compliance Specialist with the Second Judicial District Court.
- II. **Public Comment**
 - There was no public comment.
- III. **Reports from Workgroups**
 - Legislative Workgroup
 - Mr. McCormick provided the Commission with a brief recap of the 2025 Legislative Session as it pertained to guardianship. Bills covered were [AB65](#), [AB387](#), [AB460](#), [AB461](#) and [SB346](#).

- Ms. Brennan raised the possibility of SB346 creating procedural issues in regard to recognizing foreign judgements. She suggested that the Commission may be able to note the inconsistency with established law recognizing foreign judgement but was unsure if the Commission had authority to make a recommendation. Mr. Keane noted that when Nevada adopted the Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction, it did not adopt the Interim Jurisdiction Act. Ms. Bookout clarified that the bill will allow a judge to deny a petition for transfer to Nevada if less restrictive alternatives were not considered.
- Discussion Related to Creation of Workgroup to Address AB461
 - A workgroup was created in response to AB461. The following individuals volunteered to participate:
 - Debra Amens
 - Shauna Brennan
 - Lynn Hughes
 - Michael Keane
 - John Michaelson
 - William Voy
 - Mr. McCormick noted that Utah has enacted parts of the Uniform Health-Care Decisions Act, and the Act itself would only become effective upon 35 states passing it. Mr. McCormick suggested the Workgroup reach out to states that have adopted parts of the Uniform Act.
 - Stakeholders the Workgroup discussed potentially reaching out to the State Bar of Nevada Probate and Trust Law Section, the Probate and Trust Law Section, the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division, and members of the medical community. Bill sponsor Assemblymember David Orentlicher will also likely want to be involved.
- Forms Workgroup
 - Ms. Reed reported the Workgroup updated forms related to legislative changes brought about by [AB65](#) and [AB460](#), along with a larger list the Workgroup is working through before October 1st. Overall, changes were minimal. Redlined versions of the forms will be sent out to the Commission moving forward. The Workgroup recommended that the Commission adopt the updated forms. After the meeting of the Commission, Ms. Schambra will email the redlined forms to members with a request for feedback due by August 11th.
- Rules Workgroup
 - Mr. Keane reported the Rules Workgroup determined there were no new necessary rules at the end of the legislative session.
- NCSC Recommendations
 - There was no news to report.

- Mental Health Workgroup
 - Ms. Kelly reported the Mental Health Workgroup met on May 15th. The Workgroup aims to provide education and other resources to guardians, such as how to navigate communication with hospitals or jails. Other discussion items from the May 15th meeting included the differences between a mental health hold, behavioral hold, and mental health advance directives.
- SIJS Workgroup
 - There was no news to report.

IV. Response to Request for Statistics

- Judge Schreinert clarified that the agenda item is in response to a request for guardianship statistics, which were previously regularly included in the meeting materials of the Commission. Today's meeting materials included guardianship statistics from Washoe and Clark Counties.
- Ms. Bookout stated that the Eighth Judicial District Court's statistics should also include data on which cases had counsel, similar to the Second Judicial District Court's report. Judge Gentile will see if a similar report can be generated.
- Judge Hill stated that her IT department has difficulty providing similar reports; she noted her court's use of Odyssey. Judge Schreinert proposed reaching out to courts statewide in the future and requesting statistics for the Commission.
- Mr. Keane suggested acquiring data on the rate in which counsel is appointed, as well as examining the data to determine income from recording fees and if resources provided by legal services are effective. Ms. Sisk stated that Northern Nevada Legal Aid is looking into methods of best documenting their case numbers; she noted difficulties in working with counties that do not have eFlex. Ms. Sisk further stated that her organization's resources are currently not meeting demand. Judge Schreinert stated that data on recording fees has been requested from counties throughout the state and aims to include the topic on the agenda of the next meeting of the Commission. It was noted that data on recorder fees is difficult to collect as the process of how the funds are distributed has been convoluted in the past. A need for additional funding was expressed, as the Second and Eighth Judicial District Courts have had to supplement their guardianship expenses from other funding streams. Ms. Bowles suggested acquiring data on recorder fee revenue trends over time.

V. Educational Needs Discussion

- Ms. McCloskey reported that there is an adult guardianship online training course available on the Nevada Supreme Court's Self-Help website. Additionally, an adult guardianship training course for judges and members of the Nevada State Bar has been created but is pending review to ensure compliance with new laws that emerged from the legislative session.

VI. Future Agenda Items

- No agenda items were suggested during the meeting.

VII. Future Meetings

- Future meetings of the Commission will take place on a Friday afternoon in November, February, May and August at 1:30 p.m. as schedules allow.

VIII. Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

IX. Adjournment

- There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.