

COLORADO CHILD PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN BOARD

PUBLIC MEETING

November 10, 2015

Record of Proceedings

Notice of this meeting was provided pursuant to the Colorado Open Meetings Law, § 24-6-402, C.R.S.

CONVENE

The meeting of the Child Protection Ombudsman Board was convened in the Ralph L. Carr Judicial Center, 1300 Broadway, Conference Room 1F, Denver, Colorado 80202 at 9:03 AM by Chairman Ken Plotz.

A quorum of the Board was present.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

Board Members

Chairman Ken Plotz

Vice-Chair Ginny Riley

Sarie Ates-Patterson

Jose Mondragon

Joe Carrica

The Honorable Charles Greenacre

Pax Moultrie

Peg Rudden

Simone Jones

Victoria Black

Others Present

Terry Scanlon, Office of the State Court Administrator

Sueanna Johnson, Asst. Atty. General

Danielle Becwar, Office of the State Court Administrator

Several members of the public were present

AGENDA/DISCUSSION

Approval of minutes

Mr. Greenacre made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2015 meeting. Vice-Chairwoman Riley seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Board prep for interviews

There was general discussion about the questions to ask the candidates for the Child Protection Ombudsman position. The Board discussed which of the sample questions that were provided by SCAO should be asked.

By consensus, the Board agreed to ask question numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 15, and 20 based on the sample questions from SCAO, and then added questions numbers 18, 19 and 21.

- On Question No. 4, the Board changed the question slightly to: "What are some important trends related to ~~this position~~ child protection and how do they affect the potential success of this office?"*
- On Question No. 7, the language was modified to: "Tell us about a specific time when you had to handle a tough problem, or a time you hit a roadblock or were stonewalled, which challenged your sense of fairness or ethics."
- On Question No. 11, the Board agreed to add, "Give us an example of how the office will operate under your leadership as it pertains to staff and day to day business."
- On Question No. 18, the Board agreed to add, "How will you analyze and share data to improve practice?"
- On Question No. 20, the phrase, "Non-rated question" was not read to the candidates.
- The Board agreed to allow a final open-ended question that would give candidates an opportunity to add final thoughts. Specifically on Question No. 21, the Board agreed to add the question, "Is there anything else you would like to share?"
- The Board agreed that Ms. Black would ask all of the questions to the candidates.
- The board discussed whether to go into executive session on its own motion or whether to leave the decision to the candidates to request an executive session. The Board received information from its counsel that based on the broad term "executive personnel action," the Board could vote to go into executive session on its own motion.

* The strikethrough language is what the Board omitted, and the underline is the added language.

Break

The Board took a break at 9:57 AM. The Board returned to open session at 10:03 AM.

Board interview of Ms. Amy Hendrickson

At 10:03 AM, Chairman Plotz requested a motion to enter executive session and read a statement explaining the purpose of the executive session. Mr. Greenacre made a motion to enter executive session to conduct the interview of Ms. Amy Hendrickson. Ms. Rudden seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-1 with Vice-Chair Riley voting against.

Executive Session was held to maintain the confidentiality of the executive personnel actions conducted by the Board pursuant to § 19.3.3-102(4), C.R.S.

The Executive Session was recorded in compliance with § 24-6-402(2)(d.5)(I)(A), C.R.S.

Return to Open Meeting

At 10:40 AM, Chairman Plotz returned the meeting to open session.

Break

The Board took a break at 10:42 AM. The Board returned to open session at 10:55 AM.

Board interview of Mr. Dennis Goodwin

At 10:57 AM, Chairman Plotz requested a motion to enter executive session and read a statement explaining the purpose of the executive session. Mr. Mondragon made a motion to enter executive session to conduct the interview of Mr. Dennis Goodwin. Ms. Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session was held to maintain the confidentiality of the executive personnel actions conducted by the Board pursuant to § 19.3.3-102(4), C.R.S.

The Executive Session was recorded in compliance with § 24-6-402(2)(d.5)(I)(A), C.R.S.

Return to Open Meeting

At 11:49 AM, Chairman Plotz returned the meeting to open session.

Break

The Board took a lunch break at 11:52 AM. The Board returned to open session at 12:55 PM.

Board interview of Ms. Stephanie Villafuerte

At 12:57 PM, Chairman Plotz requested a motion to enter executive session and read a statement explaining the purpose of the executive session. Mr. Carrica made a motion to enter executive session to conduct the interview of Ms. Stephanie Villafuerte. Ms. Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session was held to maintain the confidentiality of the executive personnel actions conducted by the Board pursuant to § 19.3.3-102(4), C.R.S.

The Executive Session was recorded in compliance with § 24-6-402(2)(d.5)(I)(A), C.R.S.

Return to Open Meeting

At 1:46 AM, Chairman Plotz returned the meeting to open session.

Break

The Board took a break at 1:46 PM. The Board returned to open session at 1:52 PM.

Board interview of Claudia Ponce Joly

At 1:54 PM, Chairman Plotz requested a motion to enter executive session and read a statement explaining the purpose of the executive session. Ms. Riley made a motion to enter executive session to conduct the interview of Ms. Claudia Ponce Joly. Ms. Black seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session was held to maintain the confidentiality of the executive personnel actions conducted by the Board pursuant to § 19.3.3-102(4), C.R.S.

The Executive Session was recorded in compliance with § 24-6-402(2)(d.5)(I)(A), C.R.S.

Return to Open Meeting

At 2:54 PM, Chairman Plotz returned the meeting to open session.

Break

The Board took a break at 2:55 PM. The Board returned to open session at 3:00 PM.

Board interview of William (Bill) Betts

At 3:00 PM, Chairman Plotz requested a motion to enter executive session and read a statement explaining the purpose of the executive session. Ms. Jones made a motion to enter executive session to conduct the interview of Mr. William (Bill) Betts. Ms. Black seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session was held to maintain the confidentiality of the executive personnel actions conducted by the Board pursuant to § 19.3.3-102(4), C.R.S.

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Return to Open Meeting

At 3:44 PM, Chairman Plotz returned the meeting to open session.

Discussion of final procedures for appointment of the Child Protection Ombudsman

Chairman Plotz discussed final procedures for appointment of the Child Protection Ombudsman. The Chairman recommended that at the next meeting, the Board may have each member rank the candidates to determine whether there is consensus.

There was discussion about receiving the public comment regarding the candidates.

There was a brief update on the availability of a TRAILS check for the final candidate.

There was discussion about scheduling another meeting in the event the criminal background check and TRAILS check (if available) came back with an issue. Ms. Danielle Becwar was called to the meeting to discuss timelines for the criminal background check.

The Board agreed to schedule a placeholder meeting on November 25, 2015 at 8:00 AM in the event the background check for the final candidate did not clear so that an alternative candidate could be selected. The Board agreed that members could participate by telephone, and the meeting would be cancelled if the final candidate's background check was successful.

Agenda items for future meeting

Chairman Plotz indicated he wanted to place on the agenda for the next meeting a discussion about the Board's policy for receipt of public comment.

Chairman Plotz also indicated he wanted to place on the agenda for the next meeting a discussion about the Board's regularly scheduled meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 4:38 PM.

ATTESTATION

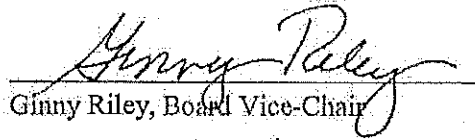
As Board Chair and Board Vice-Chair, I attest that these minutes of the open public meeting held on November 10, 2015 of the Colorado Child Protection Ombudsman Board substantially reflect the substance of the discussion and action taken related to the matters under the authority of the Board and in compliance with the Open Meetings Law, § 24-6-402, C.R.S.



Ken Plotz, Board Chair

11/20/2015

Date



Ginny Riley, Board Vice-Chair

11/20/15

Date