

Minutes
Training Subcommittee of the Standing Committee
On Guardians Ad Litem and Attorneys for the Minor Child
in Family Matters
May 4, 2021

The Training Subcommittee of the Standing Committee on Guardians Ad Litem and Attorneys for the Minor Child in Family Matters met via Microsoft Teams and was streamed on YouTube on Tuesday May 4, 2021.

Those in attendance: Ms. Liza Andrews, Policy Director, CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Attorney Susan Hamilton (as designated by Attorney Christine Rapillo); Attorney Justine Rakich-Kelly

Absent: Judge Michael Albis, chair.

Also in attendance were Ms. Danielle Johnson from the Division of Public Defender Services, and Attorney Damon Goldstein and Ms. Lauren Orlowski from the Judicial Branch's Court Operations Unit.

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 A.M. by Susan Hamilton.

I. Review and Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made by Justine Rakich-Kelly and seconded by Liza Andrews. The minutes of the meeting held on April 6, 2021 were approved unanimously.

II. Discussion of Pre-Service Training for Guardians Ad Litem and Attorneys for the Minor Child in Family Matters

The Subcommittee members discussed the progress made in preparation for the upcoming training. Prep meetings and joint planning sessions have been completed and most presenters have submitted their outlines, but materials will still need to be collected so that they may be distributed to registrants prior to the training. An announcement about the training and link to registration can be found on the Division of Public Defender Services and Judicial Branch websites. Participation by student registrants will require approval of the full Committee, and this will be addressed at the next committee meeting. Subcommittee members volunteered to serve as facilitators for designated days of the training. Sue Hamilton will prepare and circulate the final outline to the Subcommittee, which will be presented at the full committee meeting.

The Subcommittee's next steps include following up with the presenters who have not provided materials yet and creating a survey or quiz template for the training, which will be shown to the full committee at the upcoming meeting.

III. Schedule of Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Subcommittee will be held on Monday May 17, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. The meeting will be held remotely using Microsoft Teams and streamed to the public on YouTube.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Justine Rakich-Kelly and seconded by Liza Andrews. The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 A.M.