

Minutes
Training Subcommittee of the Standing Committee
On Guardians Ad Litem and Attorneys for the Minor Child
in Family Matters
January 6, 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 Wednesday January 6, 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 10:08 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 July 25, 2018 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 reviewed the outline of the previous training, discussing which changes, if any, would be made to the topics and presenters. The Subcommittee also discussed options for reformatting the training for video or live stream to accommodate attendees' schedules as well as protocols surrounding COVID-19. The Subcommittee will begin contacting presenters for an anticipated 2021 summer training, and will report back to the full Committee on January 21, 2021.

III. Schedule of Future Meetings

The full Committee is scheduled to meet on January 21, 2021, but the next meeting of the Subcommittee will be scheduled for a date to be determined.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Justine Rakich-Kelly and seconded by Susan Hamilton. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M.