

**Minutes**  
**Standing Committee on Guardians Ad Litem and**  
**Attorneys for the Minor Child in Family Matters**  
**March 11, 2024**

The Standing Committee on Guardians Ad Litem and Attorneys for the Minor Child in Family Matters met on March 11, 2024. The meeting was convened by the chair in Courtroom B1 at 90 Washington Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Those in attendance: Judge Leo Diana (Chair); Attorney Justine Rakich-Kelly; Ms. Liza Andrews, Policy Director, CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Attorney Edward J. Bryan; Attorney Nisa J. Khan; Attorney Bryan Cafferelli

Absent: Judge Jennifer Macierowski; Mr. Stephen B. Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section, Department of Public Health; Attorney Renee Cimino (designated by the Chief Public Defender)

Also in attendance were Attorney Damon Goldstein and Ms. Nicole Collins from the Judicial Branch's Court Operations Unit

The meeting was called to order at 1:14 PM by Judge Diana.

**I. Review and Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Justine Rakich-Kelly and seconded by Liza Andrews to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 29, 2024. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0 with three members absent.

**II. Changes to the Active List of Persons Qualified to Serve as a GAL/AMC**

**a. Attorney Tara Justine Galbo**

Attorney Tara Justine Galbo was removed from the active list in January 2019 because the committee did not receive her response to its annual request for updated information. Attorney Galbo emailed a request to be reinstated to the active list on February 14, 2024. Attorney Galbo meets all requirements of Practice Book Section 25-62(b).

After a brief discussion by the participating Committee members, Liza Andrews moved, and Edward Bryan seconded, that Attorney Galbo be reinstated to the active list. The Committee approved the reinstatement by a 6-0 vote with three members absent.

**III. Schedule of Future Meetings**

The next meeting of the Standing Committee on Guardians Ad Litem and Attorneys for the Minor Child in Family Matters will be held on Monday April 22, 2024 at 2:00 PM.

**IV. Such Other Matters as may Properly Come Before the Standing Committee**

Justine Rakich-Kelly inquired if the Criminal Unit has a separate GAL/AMC list than the Family Unit. Damon Goldstein stated that there is not a separate list.

Liza Andrews moved, and Edward Bryan seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting. The Committee approved the motion by a 6-0 vote with three members absent. Judge Diana adjourned the meeting at 1:19 PM.