



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE
PRIVATE PROBATION SERVICES COUNCIL
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June 5th, 2015
Minutes
First Floor Conference Room (1-B)
Davy Crockett Tower

The Private Probation Services Council met on June 5th, 2015, in Nashville, Tennessee, at the Davy Crockett Tower in the first floor conference room. Chairman Craft called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and the following business was transacted.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT
(BY TELECONFERENCE)

Judge Chris Craft
Judge John P. Hudson
Judge Hugh Harris Harvey
Linda D. Byford
Stancil Ford
Veronica Thornton

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Judge J. Klyne Lauderback

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Nikole Avers, Ellery Richardson, Dennis O'Brien

Chairman Craft took a roll call of the members present and read the Determination of Necessity into the record since the board members were attending by teleconference.

Vote: Judge Hudson made a motion to accept the determination. This was seconded by Judge Harvey. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Director Avers then read the public meeting statement into the record which indicated the agenda was posted to the Private Probation Services Council website on May 28th, 2015.

ADOPT AGENDA

Judge Hudson made a motion to adopt the agenda. It was seconded by Judge Harvey. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

MINUTES

Director Avers agreed to present the March and June 2015 meeting minutes at the next meeting, scheduled for September 4th, 2015.

APPLICATION REVIEW

Director Avers presented an application from Pamela Cade, who requested that she be allowed to fill the position of CEO of the Crossroads Area Alcohol & Drug Association on an interim basis. She had worked in the PPS field for 25 years but did not have a bachelor's degree. She was thus applying under rule 1177-01-.06 (1) (a), for the Councils consideration of her 25 years' experience in this and related fields. She has also submitted education certificates going back to 1992, which were on file should members wish to review them.

Vote: Judge Harvey made a motion to approve her request as presented. This was seconded by Ms. Byford. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

LEGAL REPORT

1. 201500593

Complaint states that she believes Respondent has a conflict of interest because Respondent's owner was the former county probation officer for the past 15 years, at least. Complainant also alleges that probation services are a waste of tax dollars because probation companies just charge monthly fees because the probationers weren't able to pay the original fine. She has also heard of court dates getting mixed up and a lack of drug counseling for drug offenders.

Respondent states that Complainant has never been on probation with Respondent.

Violations: None
History: No prior complaints.
Recommendation: Close the complaint

Vote: Ms. Thornton made a motion to accept counsel's recommendation. This was seconded by Mr. Ford. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

DISCUSSION ON ADDITIONAL RULES

Ms. Richardson has emailed her suggestions to the members as discussed at prior meetings and, based on research she had conducted on rule 1177-01 and 1177-02. The members went through the suggestions and agreed that counsel would provide them with a final draft for their approval at the September meeting, so as to get them ready for the rule making hearing in December, 2015.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Avers presented a summary of the current Private Probation Services Council budget report, licensing counts and the current complaint status.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

There were no legislative updates to report.

Having no further business, Chairman Craft adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.