



## FIDUCIARY BOARD

Arizona State Courts Building  
1501 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007  
Conference Room 109

**January 9, 2025**  
**10:00 a.m.**

### Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

[Zoom Meeting Video Recording](#)

Passcode: XU^nfY%4

#### MEMBERS ATTENDANCE:

##### Present:

Hon. Jennifer Perkins-Chair  
Elaine Acosta Sweet-Vice-  
Chair

##### Telephonically Present:

Deborah Primock  
Teresa Lancaster  
Sharon Yates  
Zora Manjencich  
Jeanette S. Bloss  
Tiffany Poarch

##### Absent:

Hon. Brian Hauser  
Diana M. Corry  
Vinay M. Singh

#### OTHER ATTENDEES:

##### AOC Staff:

Aaron Nash  
Pasquale Fontana  
Jared Arthur  
Crystal Jones  
Wil Castro  
Téa Bravo  
Emanuel Aronbayev  
Arnita Oliver  
Lindsey Bailey

##### Call to the Public

Samantha Stirling-Item 3-B  
Susan Wulff

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## CALL TO ORDER

*Called to Order By:*  
*Time:*

Hon. Jennifer Perkins, Chair  
10:00 a.m.

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### 1) NEW MEMBER WELCOME

*1-A: Introduction of the following new member:*

- 1. Tiffany Poarch was appointed on November 20, 2024, as a public fiduciary member.*

*Video Time: 00:01:52*

*Individual Addressing the Board:*

Hon. Jennifer Perkins, Chair

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### 2) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*2-A: Review, discussion, and possible action regarding adopting the regular session recording and written minutes of the meeting held on November 14, 2024.*

*Video- Time: 00:02:16*

*Individual Addressing the Board:*

Hon. Jennifer Perkins, Chair

*Discussion:* None

*Motion:* Accept the regular session minutes of the meeting held on November 14, 2024.

*Motion Proposals:* First Elaine Acosta Sweet  
Second Zora Manjencich

*Motion Results:* Pass

*Recusals:*

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### 3) PENDING COMPLAINTS

*3-A: Update regarding pending complaints.*

**Video Time: 00:02:55**

**Individual Addressing the Board:**

Téa Bravo

**Discussion:** As of January 2, 2025, there are 77 open complaints.

**3-B:** *Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Complaint Nos. 23-0027, and 23-0035, and open investigations in Complaint Nos. 23-0063, 24-0028, and 24-0029 involving license holder Patricia Flores. (Complaint Nos. 23-0063, 24-0028 and 24-0029 are confidential under ACJA §7-201(H)(1)(g)).*

**Video Time: 00:03:34**

**Individual Addressing the Board:**

Pasquale Fontana

**Discussion:** The Division recommends that the Board accept the proposed Consent Agreement and voluntary surrender request to resolve all pending complaints against Flores, as further detailed in the documents.

**Motion:** Accept staff's recommendation

**Motion Proposals:** First Elaine Acosta Sweet  
Second Teresa Lancaster

**Motion Results:** Pass

**Recusals:**

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**Note:** Samantha Stirling, counsel for Flores, addressed the board and confirmed the reasonableness of a March 15, 2025 effective date.

**3-C:** *Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Complaint Nos. 24-0017 and 24-0018 involving license holders Coventry, Vernon & Roberts, LLC. and Roger Coventry.*

**Video Time: 00:12:07**

**Individual Addressing the Board:**

Pasquale Fontana

**Discussion:** It is recommended the Board accept the finding of the Probable Cause Evaluator and enter a finding Coventry, Vernon, and Roberts, LLC and Roger Coventry have not committed the alleged acts of misconduct as detailed in the Investigation Summary in Complaint Numbers 24-0017 and 24-0018.

It is further recommended the Board dismiss Complaint Numbers 24-0017 and 24-0018, with prejudice.

**Motion:** Accept staff's recommendation.

**Motion Proposals:** First Jeanette S. Bloss  
Second Teresa Lancaster

**Motion Results:** Pass

**Recusals:**

**3-D:** *Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Complaint No. 23-0005 involving license holder Fiduciary Solutions, LLC.*

**Video Time: 00:15:21**

**Individual Addressing the Board:** Pasquale Fontana

**Discussion:** It is recommended the Board accept the finding of the Probable Cause Evaluator and enter a finding Fiduciary Solutions, LLC, has committed the alleged acts of misconduct in Allegation 1 as detailed in the Investigation Summary in complaint number 23-0005.

It is recommended the Board enter a finding that grounds for informal disciplinary action exists under Arizona Code of Judicial Administration ("ACJA") § 7-201(H)(6) for act(s) of misconduct involving the specific code sections cited in the Investigation Summary.

It is further recommended the Board direct the Division to issue a Letter of Concern to Fiduciary Solutions, LLC.

**Motion:** Accept staff's recommendation

**Motion Proposals:** First Elaine Acosta Sweet  
Second Zora Manjencich

**Motion Results:** Pass

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**3-E:** *Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Complaint No. 23-0038 and 23-0041 involving license holder Gila County Public Fiduciary and Tiffany Poarch.*

**Video Time: 00:18:12**

**Individual Addressing the Board:** Pasquale Fontana

**Discussion:** It is recommended the Board accept the finding of the Probable Cause Evaluator and enter a finding Tiffany Poarch and Gila County Public

Fiduciary have not committed the alleged acts of misconduct as detailed in the Investigation Summary in Complaint Numbers 23-0038 and 23-0041.

It is further recommended the Board dismiss Complaint Numbers 23-0038 and 23-0041, with prejudice.

**Motion:** Accept staff's recommendation.

**Motion Proposals:** First Teresa Lancaster  
Second Sharon Yates

**Motion Results:** Pass

**Recusals:** Tiffany Poarch

**3-F:** *Review, discussion, and possible action regarding open investigation in Complaint No. 23-0011 (confidential under ACJA §7-201(H)(1)(g)).*

**Video Time: 00:20:54**

**Individual Addressing the Board:** Pasquale Fontana

**Discussion:** Under ACJA §7-201(H)(3)(a), the Division initiated an investigation into the complaint against the fiduciary. However, due to the fiduciary's voluntary license surrender, the Division no longer has jurisdiction to continue its investigation against the fiduciary's individual license.

The Division recommends the Board dismiss Complaint No. 23-0011 without prejudice. If the individual were to apply for initial licensure or reinstatement in the future, dismissing this complaint without prejudice allows the Division to address the allegations in its licensure recommendation.

**Motion:** Accept staff's recommendation

**Motion Proposals:** First Zora Manjencich  
Second Teresa Lancaster

**Motion Results:** Pass

**Recusals:**

**3-G:** *Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Complaint No. 23-0024 involving license holder Rashiel Salem.*

**Video Time: 00:24:04**

**Individual Addressing the Board:** Jared Arthur

**Discussion:** The Division recommends the Board accept the finding of the Probable Cause Evaluator and enter a finding Rashiel Salem has not committed the alleged act(s) of misconduct as detailed in the Investigation Summary in Complaint Number 23-0024.

The Division further recommends the Board dismiss Complaint Number 23-0024, with prejudice.

**Motion:** Accept staff's recommendation

**Motion Proposals:** First Elaine Acosta Sweet  
Second Sharon Yates

**Motion Results:** Pass

**3-H:** *Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Complaint Nos. 23-0033, 23-0060, 23-0061, and 23-0062 involving license holder Maricopa County Public Fiduciary, Heidi Ernst, Cindy Gonzalez, and Sean Thrash.*

**Video Time: 00:26:10**

**Individual Addressing the Board:**

Jared Arthur

**Discussion:** The Division recommends the Board accept the finding of the Probable Cause Evaluator and enter a finding Maricopa County Public Fiduciary, Heidi Ernst, Cindy Gonzales, and Sean Thrash have not committed the alleged act(s) of misconduct as detailed in the Investigation Summary in Complaint Numbers 23-0033, 23-0060, 23-0061, 23-0062.

The Division further recommends the Board dismiss Complaint Numbers 23-0033, 23-0060, 23-0061, 23-0062, with prejudice.

**Motion:** Accept staff's recommendation

**Motion Proposals:** First Zora Manjencich  
Second Teresa Lancaster

**Motion Results:** Pass

**3-I:** *Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Complaint Nos. 24-0011, 24-0012 and 24-0036 involving license holder Maricopa County Public Fiduciary, Heidi Ernst, and Sean Thrash.*

**Video Time: 00:28:49**

**Individual Addressing the Board:**

Jared Arthur

**Discussion:** The Division recommends the Board accept the finding of the Probable Cause Evaluator and enter a finding Maricopa County Public Fiduciary, Heidi Ernst, and Sean Thrash have not committed the alleged act(s) of misconduct as detailed in the Investigation Summary in Complaint Numbers 24-0011, 24-0012, and 24-0036

The Division further recommends the Board dismiss Complaint Numbers 24-0011, 24-0012, and 24-0036 with prejudice.

**Motion:** Accept staff's recommendation

**Motion Proposals:** First Elaine Acosta Sweet  
Second Sharon Yates

**Motion Results:** Pass

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#### 4) PENDING COMPLIANCE AUDITS

**4-A:** *Update regarding pending compliance audits*

**Video Time:** 00:31:16

**Individual Addressing the Board:** Téa Bravo

**Discussion:** As of January 2, 2025, there are \*3 open compliance audits pending completion/final reports.

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#### 5) INITIAL LICENSURE AND ELIGIBILITY

**5-A:** *5-A: Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the following applications for initial individual and/or business licensure:*

1. Rosa Deford
2. Amanda Riley
3. Angelina Weiss
4. Sigmund's & Co., LLC
5. Mushkatel, Gobbato & Kile, PLLC
6. Gwyndolen Kemnitz
7. Mike Roberts
8. Meighan Harahan
9. Morgan Skinner
10. Janene Thomas-Luby

**Video Time: 00:31:44**

**Individual Addressing the Board:**

Emanuel Aronbayev

**Discussion:** It is recommended the Board grant initial fiduciary licensure to:

1. Rosa Deford
2. Amanda Riley
3. Angelina Weiss
4. Sigmund's & Co., LLC

**Motion:** Accept staff's recommendation

**Motion Proposals:** First Jeanette S. Bloss  
Second Zora Manjencich

**Motion Results:** Pass

**Recusals:**

**Individual Addressing the Board:**

Emanuel Aronbayev

**Discussion:** Division recommends initial fiduciary licensure be granted to:

5. Mushkatel, Gobbato & Kile, PLLC.

**Motion:** Accept staff's recommendation

**Motion Proposals:** First Elaine Acosta Sweet  
Second Teresa Lancaster

**Motion Results:** Pass

**Recusals:**

**Individual Addressing the Board:**

Emanuel Aronbayev

**Discussion:** The Division recommends the Board grant initial fiduciary licensure to:

6. Gwyndolen Kemnitz

**Motion:** Accept staff's recommendation

**Motion Proposals:** First Zora Manjencich  
Second Teresa Lancaster

**Motion Results:** Pass

**Recusals:**

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***Individual Addressing the Board:***

Emanuel Aronbayev

***Discussion:*** The Division recommends the Board grant initial fiduciary licensure to:

7. Mike Roberts

***Motion:*** Accept staff's recommendation

***Motion Proposals:*** First Elaine Acosta Sweet  
Second Jeanette S. Bloss

***Motion Results:*** Pass

***Recusals:***

***Individual Addressing the Board:***

Emanuel Aronbayev

***Discussion:*** The Division recommends the Board deny initial fiduciary licensure to:

8. Meighan Harahan

***Motion:*** Accept staff's recommendation

***Motion Proposals:*** First Teresa Lancaster  
Second Jeanette S. Bloss

***Motion Results:*** Pass

***Recusals:***

***Individual Addressing the Board:***

Emanuel Aronbayev

***Discussion:*** 9. Morgan Skinner. The Division recommends the Board grant initial fiduciary licensure to Morgan Skinner contingent on fingerprint results yielding no negative history with a later effective date once the fingerprint results have been confirmed by Division staff.

***Motion:*** Accept staff's recommendation

***Motion Proposals:*** First Jeanette S. Bloss  
Second Tiffany Poarch

***Motion Results:*** Pass

***Recusals:***

***Individual Addressing the Board:***

Emanuel Aronbayev

**Discussion:** 10. Janene Thomas-Luby. The Division recommends the Board grant initial fiduciary licensure to Janene Thomas-Luby contingent on fingerprint results yielding no further negative history with a later effective date once the fingerprint results have been confirmed by Division staff.

**Motion:** Accept staff's recommendation

**Motion Proposals:** First Teresa Lancaster  
Second Tiffany Poarch

**Motion Results:** Pass

**Recusals:**

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**6) ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**6-A:** *Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Subcommittee on Additional Protection of Wards update (informational).*

**Video Time:** 00:46:27

**Individual Addressing the Board:** Wil Castro/Jeanette S. Bloss

**Discussion:** Informational Update

**6-B:** *Division updates (informational)*

**Video Time:** 00:49:22

**Individual Addressing the Board:** Aaron Nash

**Discussion:** Welcome Lindsey Bailey recently hired.

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**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

**Individual Addressing the Board:**

Susan Wulff

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

*Initials:*

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