

# In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF A GAL GRANT )  
REVIEW BOARD )

ORDER

The Supreme Court has identified the need to appoint a GAL Grant Review Board to assist in performing the Court's statutory obligations under I.C. §16-1638 and I.C. §16-1639 pertaining to administration of funds from the Guardian ad litem account and has received the required nominations from the Idaho Legislature and Idaho Governor's Office.

Pursuant to Idaho Court Administrative Rule 91, the Grant Review Board shall consist of nine (9) voting and three (3) non-voting members with experience and training in the child welfare system. Voting membership shall consist of two (2) members each from the categories set forth in subsections A and B, and five (5) members from a combination of the categories set forth in subsections C through H:

A. 2 Representative(s) selected upon nomination from the Idaho Legislature;

B. 2 Representative(s) selected upon nomination from the Governor's office;

C. Representative(s) from the Idaho Casey Family Programs;

D. Representative(s) from a federally recognized Idaho Indian Tribe;

E. Attorney(s) who represents parties in Child Protective Act cases;

F. Former foster youth;

G. Current or former foster parent(s); or

H. Parent(s) with lived experience in the child welfare system.

Non-voting members shall consist of a magistrate judge, a guardian ad litem volunteer, and a person with a strong financial background.

The charge to the Board is as follows:

1. Review the grant applications and attachments; and
2. Issue a recommendation to the Idaho Supreme Court for approval or denial of grant applications.  
The Board may request and/or use additional information prior to reaching a decision.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Hon. Anna Eckhart, Kootenai County Magistrate Judge, serve as Chair of said Board and as a non-voting member until further order of the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following members be appointed to serve on the Board for a period of three (3) years:

Voting members nominated by the Idaho Legislature:

Sen. Abby Lee, Idaho Senate

Rep. Brandon Mitchell, Idaho House of Representatives

Voting members nominated by the Idaho Governor's Office:

Peggy Hoy

Scott Rowley

Other voting members:

Marian Woods, Idaho Casey Family Programs

Julie Kane, managing Attorney, Nez Perce Tribe

Krista Howard, private attorney representing children and youth

Ivy Smith, former foster youth

Gilah "Becca" Messerer, foster parent

Non-voting members:

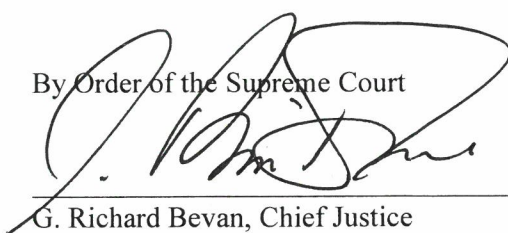
Keri Fowler, GAL volunteer, 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District

Vacant, financial expert

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order shall be effective on the date signed.

DATED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

By Order of the Supreme Court

  
G. Richard Bevan, Chief Justice

ATTEST:

  
Clerk

I, Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk of the Supreme Court/  
Court of Appeals of the State of Idaho, do hereby  
Certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the  
order entered in the above entitled  
cause and now on record in my office. WITNESS my  
hand and the Seal of this Court 4-18-22  
Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk

By  Deputy