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# Colorado Office of Public Guardianship

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### **The Office of Public Guardianship Commission announces the finalists for Director of the Office**

DENVER - The Colorado Office of Public Guardianship Commission (the “Commission”) announces two finalists who will be considered for appointment as the new Director for the Office of Public Guardianship.

After consideration of numerous applications submitted for the position, the Commission announces that the two finalists (listed in alphabetical order and without any consideration of preference or ranking) include:

- Ms. Sophia M. Alvarez, Esq.
- Mr. Ford Allison

The Commission will conduct interviews with the finalists at publicly scheduled meetings at the below dates and times at the Ralph L. Carr Judicial Building, 1300 Broadway, Conference Room 2B, Denver, Colorado 80202.

Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Wednesday, September 11 at 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM

The interviews may be conducted in Executive Session at the request of the candidate.

The Commission will make a final determination as to who it will appoint as the Director from this list of finalists at the Commission's regularly scheduled meeting on September 24, 2019, at 10 AM to noon at the Ralph L. Carr Judicial Building, 1300 Broadway, Conference Room 2B, Denver, Colorado 80202. The public announcement of the final candidate for appointment as the Director of the Office of Public Guardianship will be announced once that individual successfully passes a criminal background check.

The Commission welcomes public comments concerning the individuals announced as finalists for the Director position. All public comments about any finalist must be in writing, received no later than close of business on Friday, September 20, 2019 and sent to [OPGComments@coag.gov](mailto:OPGComments@coag.gov).

The Colorado General Assembly created the Office of Public Guardianship Commission and Office within the Judicial Department. § 13-94-104(1), C.R.S. (2017). The Commission is comprised of 5 members. Three of the members are appointed by the Colorado Supreme Court, of which two must be attorneys admitted to practice law in Colorado and one must be a resident of Colorado not admitted to practice law. The remaining two members are appointed by the Governor, one who must be an attorney admitted to practice law in this state and one who must be a resident of Colorado not admitted to practice law.

The Commission is charged with appointing the Director for the Office of Public Guardianship, and that individual serves at the pleasure of the Commission. § 13-94-104(3), C.R.S. (2019). The OPG Office/Commission is a pilot program initially operating in the Second Judicial District and subsequently the Seventh and Sixteenth Judicial Districts conditional upon securing additional funding effective until June 30, 2023. At that time, the agency will either continue, discontinue, or be expanded by the General Assembly. § 13-94-111, C.R.S. (2019).

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