

Emails to the Virginia Child Support Guidelines Review Panel November 1st, 2024 through December 20th, 2024

From November 1st, 2024 through December 20th, 2024 three emails were sent to the Child Support Guidelines Review Panel. Panel staff responded to all three inquiries. One question was a request for a status update on their application to the Child Support Guidelines Review panel with a subsequent follow up question about attending the meeting as a member of the public, and one email was a request for information regarding judicial authority in establishing child support obligations. Names have been reduced to initials, other identifying information has been redacted, and salutations have been deleted. Text of emails has not been altered.

1. From: CB
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 9:27 AM
Subject: Re: Child Support Guidelines Review Panel

Text:

Just sending a follow up to my application thanks

Panel Response: Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 12:42 PM

On 11/26 I received a call from the Governor's Office letting me know that they did not intend to proceed in appointing any of the applications received thus far for the Noncustodial Parent position.

My apologies for not double-checking to ensure that you had been notified of that decision until now. Unfortunately, they are not allowed to disclose to me why yours or any of the other applications were ultimately rejected, just that they were not moving forward with any of the applications.

If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

2. From: JK
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 11:49 AM
Subject: questions on the guidelines

Text:

Paying parent only has arrearages. Does the original order still stand or can the judge make up any # he wants. Does the paragraph #B in the code still apply The judge made the payment get it under 18K which put a severe financial hardship on the parent, leaving him homeless. He recently relocated back to VA, has not had time to find employment. Another court date is coming up soon. Doesn't DCSE and the judge have to follow paragraph #B and not leave this parent homeless again or without any income to survive on his own? HE is definitely looking for employment but Dec is a slow month for everyone as far as work goes. He is limited as he is a felon and does not drive. Please let me know how this works.

Can the judge change it from the original amount of \$65 knowing he does not have a job yet? Can the judge ignore paragraph B and not care that this parent could be homeless again?? IF her jails him then no arrearages would be getting paid, so makes no sense to me.

Panel Response: Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 2:50 PM

Thank you for reaching out to the Child Support Guidelines Review Panel. The Child Support Guidelines Review Panel is authorized by Virginia law only to review the child support guidelines; the Panel does not handle specific child support cases or address issues related to specific cases.

However, I have forwarded your inquiry on to our partner over in the Office of the Attorney General, as they would be able to provide more information regarding judicial authority in establishing child support obligations in relation

to Paragraph B of the Guidelines statute (§ 20-108.2. Guideline for determination of child support; quadrennial review by Child Support Guidelines Review Panel; executive summary).

As soon as I get a response from them, I will forward that information on to you! Of course, let me know if you have any other questions.

3. From: CB
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 12:51 PM
Subject: Re: Child Support Guidelines Review Panel

Text:

So can I still attend the meetings

Panel response: Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 1:01 PM

You are absolutely welcome to attend the meetings and observe as a member of the public. Comment on meeting topics can occur as the schedule allows and can also be requested on specific topics as an agenda item in advance for approval from the Chair.

Let me know if you have any other questions!