

**59-3084. Court review of guardian's report; hearing.** (a) Upon the filing of a report by the guardian pursuant to K.S.A. 59-3083, and amendments thereto, the court or a designee of the court shall review the report, the court's prior orders, any guardianship plan which has been filed with the court pursuant to K.S.A. 59-3076, and amendments thereto, and which remains in effect, and any reports which the guardian has previously filed, to determine whether:

(1) The current report reflects reasonable administration of the guardianship;

(2) the guardian is performing assigned duties and responsibilities, or exercising granted powers and authorities, in a manner consistent with the prior orders of the court and with any guardianship plan in effect;

(3) additional duties, responsibilities, powers or authorities should be granted to the guardian, or limitations should be made with regard thereto, or other modifications should be made within the guardianship to protect the interests of the ward or the ward's estate; or

(4) further proceedings as provided for in this act may be appropriate.

(b) Upon the filing of any report, or based upon other information which comes to the court's attention concerning matters contained within the report or which should be contained within the report, the court may set a hearing upon the matter and may require the guardian to appear before the court. The court may require the guardian to give notice of this hearing to such persons and in such manner as the court may direct. The court may appoint an attorney to represent the ward in this matter similarly as provided for in subsection (a)(3) of K.S.A. 59-3063, and amendments thereto. The court may require the guardian, and may allow the ward, the conservator, if a conservator has been appointed, and other interested persons, to present evidence concerning the actions of the guardian or the recommendations of such persons.

(c) At the conclusion of the court's review of the guardian's report, or following any hearing held as provided for in subsection (b), the court shall issue an order either approving or disapproving the guardian's report. The court may approve a reasonable guardian's fee which shall be assessed to the ward's estate. The court within its order may grant to or withdraw from the guardian specified duties, responsibilities, powers or authorities as provided for in K.S.A. 59-3075, and amendments thereto, may specifically order the guardian with regard to the performance of assigned duties, responsibilities, powers or authorities, including requiring the guardian to file an amended report, may require the guardian to develop and file with the court a guardianship plan as provided for in K.S.A. 59-3076, and amendments thereto, or the court may proceed pursuant to K.S.A. 59-3088, and amendments thereto, to remove the guardian and to appoint a successor guardian, or the court may proceed pursuant to K.S.A. 59-3090 or 59-3091, and amendments thereto, to restore the ward to capacity or terminate the guardianship.

(d) If the court, pursuant to subsection (e)(8) of K.S.A. 59-3075, and amendments thereto, has authorized the guardian to exercise any control or authority over the ward's estate, then, in addition to or as a part of each report filed by the guardian pursuant to this section, the guardian also shall account for the ward's estate. In reviewing the guardian's report, the court also shall review the guardian's accounting and at the conclusion thereof, if the court finds that the accounting accurately accounts for the ward's estate and shows appropriate administration on the part of the guardian, the court shall issue an order approving the accounting.

**History:** L. 2002, ch. 114, § 35; July 1.