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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

November 6, 2021

Lafayette, LA

*** MINUTES ***

President H. Minor Pipes III called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, November 6, 2021, at the Homewood Suites Lafayette. Business was conducted in accordance with the agenda below.

Agenda Item 1. Roll Call

Ms. Larsen called roll and advised that the following members, who constituted a quorum, were present:

President, H. Minor Pipes III
President-Elect, Stephen I. Dwyer
Treasurer, John E. "Eddie" McAuliffe, Jr.
Secretary, C.A. "Hap" Martin III
Immediate Past President, Alainna R. Mire
Chair, Young Lawyers Division, Graham H. Ryan
First Board District Representative, Lawrence J. Centola (by phone)
First Board District Representative, Scott L. Sternberg
Second Board District Representative, Erin O. Braud
Third Board District Representative, Dwazendra J. Smith
Fourth Board District Representative, Todd S. Clemons
Sixth Board District Representative, Charles D. Elliott
Seventh Board District Representative, W. Michael Street
Eighth Board District Representative, Curtis R. Joseph, Jr.
At-Large Member, Tina L. Suggs
At-Large Member, Adrejia Boutté Swafford
At-Large Member, Blake R. David
From the Faculty of LSU Law Center, John M. Church
From the Tulane Law School, Ronald J. Scalise, Jr. (by phone)
From the Faculty of Louisiana State Law Institute, Lila Tritico Hogan
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Chair, Ann S. Siddall
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, D. Skylar Rosenbloom
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, Keenan K. Kelly

Also present were:

President-Elect Designee, Shayna L. Sonnier
Executive Director, Loretta Larsen, CAE
Associate Executive Director, Cheri Cotogno Grodsky

Access to Justice Director, Monte Mollere
Director of Member Outreach and Diversity, Tricia R. Pierre
Executive Assistant, Jennifer France

Absent were:

Fifth Board District Representative, Kelly M. Rabalais
Fifth Board District Representative, Adrian G. Nadeau

Agenda Item 2. Consent Calendar

- a. **Minutes of August 28, 2021 and October 19, 2021 Meetings** – Consideration of approval of minutes of August 28, 2021 meeting and ratification of email approval of minutes of October 19, 2021 Zoom meeting;
- b. **Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education** – Periodic report from the LCLCE, as required by the April 2010 agreement.

Upon motion by Ms. Mire and second by Ms. Siddall, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Calendar without discussion or debate.

Agenda Item 3. 2022 Annual Meeting/Summer School Fee Schedule – Loretta Larsen

Mr. Pipes gave a brief background report on pricing and attendance. He asked Ms. Larsen to present the proposed fee schedule for the 2022 meeting. She noted that staff was proposing increases in each category due to a rise in food and beverage prices, along with other costs of holding the meeting. After some discussion, Mr. Sternberg made the following motion, which was seconded by Ms. Siddall:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Governors approve the fee schedule as presented, and add a 50 percent discount for the YLD Chair and the BOG representatives from the law schools and the Louisiana State Law Institute.

The Board unanimously approved the motion. After some additional discussion, Mr. Sternberg moved that members of the House of Delegates be entitled to the same registration rates as members of the Board of Governors. Ms. Siddall seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.

Agenda Item 4. LSBA Appointment to Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board Administrative Committee – H. Minor Pipes III

Mr. Pipes asked the Board to consider the reappointment of Valerie Briggs Bargas of Baton Rouge to the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board Administrative Committee for term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022. She is completing her first one-year term and is eligible for reappointment. Upon motion by Mr. David and second by Mr. Church, the Board unanimously approved recommending Ms. Bargas' reappointment to the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Agenda Item 5. MCLE Committee Appointments – H. Minor Pipes III

Mr. Pipes asked the Board to consider the following appointments:

- Reappointment of C.A. “Hap” Martin III for a second three-year term which will begin January 1, 2022 and end December 31, 2024; and
- Appointment of Graham H. Ryan to replace Harold S. Bartholomew, Jr., who is completing his second three-year term and is not eligible for reappointment. The term will begin January 1, 2022 and end December 31, 2024.

Upon motion by Mr. McAuliffe and second by Ms. Mire, the Board unanimously approved the recommendations with Mr. Martin and Mr. Ryan abstaining.

Agenda Item 6. Committee on Bar Admissions – H. Minor Pipes III

Mr. Pipes asked the Board to approve recommending to the Louisiana Supreme Court the following appointments, which were recommended by the Committee on Bar Admissions:

- Appointment of Zeta Jackson Andrus as Examiner for Torts section of the Louisiana Bar Exam; and
- Appointment of Kathryn W. Munson as Examiner for Constitutional Law section of the Louisiana Bar Exam.

Upon motion by Mr. Sternberg and second by Mr. David, the Board voted unanimously to make the recommendations to the Court.

Agenda Item 7. Louisiana Client Assistance Foundation – Cheri Cotogno Grodsky

Ms. Grodsky proposed the following appointments to the Louisiana Client Assistance Foundation 2021-2022 Board of Directors: Frank X. Neuner, Jr., President; Stephen I. Dwyer, Vice President; Charles B. Plattsmier, Secretary-Treasurer; Drew A. Ranier, Trustee; Lawrence J. Centola, Trustee; Mary Ann Wegmann, Trustee; Vincent J. Saitta, Trustee; Dr. Markey W. Pierre, Lay Member; Major Reginald R. Brown, Sr., Lay Member; and Lauren McHugh Rocha, Supreme Court Liaison. Upon motion by Ms. Mire and second by Mr. Church, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendations.

Agenda Item 8. Member Benefit Proposals – Tricia R. Pierre

Ms. Pierre asked the Board to consider the following member benefit proposals, which had been vetted by her department and which were consistent with other benefits offered by the LSBA:

- **1-800Accountant** – a member referral program focused on educating business owners while offering a complete suite of accounting solutions;
- **Caseroads** – a cloud-based practice management application;
- **Identillect** – a secure email service called *Delivery Trust* that plugs directly into Outlook, O365, and Gmail;
- **SimpleLaw** – a cloud-based easy-to-use case management software founded by attorneys for attorneys; and
- **Tracers** – a cloud-based investigative data research company for public and private records.

Upon motion by Mr. McAuliffe and second by Ms. Mire, the Board unanimously approved the new member benefit programs set forth above.

Agenda Item 9. Consideration of Employee Retirement Contribution – H. Minor Pipes III

Mr. Pipes asked the Board to consider the annual employee retirement contribution equal to 10 percent of gross wages, for LSBA and JLAP employees meeting eligibility requirements (JLAP employees' contributions are funded through JLAP budget). Funds for LSBA employees' contribution were approved in the 2021/2022 budget adopted by the Board on June 11, 2021. Upon motion by Mr. Church and second by Mr. Street, the Board unanimously approved the contribution.

Agenda Item 12. Election Report – H. Minor Pipes III

Mr. Pipes referred the Board to the qualifying report for the 2021-2022 elections and congratulated Ms. Sonnier and Mr. Centola on their positions as President-Elect Designee and Treasurer Designee.

Agenda Item 13. Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program – Stephen I. Dwyer

Mr. Dwyer provided the Board with an update on JLAP operations noting he and the Board are pleased with the progress Dr. Angela White-Bazile is making as Executive Director.

Agenda Item 14. Single Billing 2021/2022 – Loretta Larsen

Ms. Larsen referred members to the report on billing/payment of dues and assessment. She noted 328 members were certified ineligible on Sunday, October 31, after having been given roughly six additional weeks to pay due to Hurricane Ida.

Agenda Item 15. Strategic Plan Update – H. Minor Pipes III

Mr. Pipes referred members to the report which illustrated plan progress to date noting the goals set forth are almost complete and commended LSBA staff on their efforts in completing the goals set forth in the plan.

Agenda Item 16. Report of the President – H. Minor Pipes III

- a. **November 2021 CLE in New York** – Mr. Pipes reminded members about the November 20-23 CLE seminar.
- b. **December 2021 CLE at Grand Hotel Point Clear Autograph Collection** – Mr. Pipes announced the dates of the December CLE seminar would be December 10-12.
- c. **BOG Meeting** – Mr. Pipes reported that the Board of Governors' next meeting will be held on the afternoon of Friday, January 21, in conjunction with the January 20-22, 2022 Midyear Meeting at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel
- d. **Other Matters** – Mr. Pipes announced the return of the Napa, CA CLE in March 2022.

Agenda Item 17. Report of the President-Elect – Stephen I. Dwyer

Mr. Dwyer waived his report.

Agenda Item 18. Report of the Treasurer – John E. McAuliffe, Jr.

Mr. McAuliffe waived his report.

Agenda Item 19. Report of the Secretary – C.A. “Hap” Martin III

Mr. Martin waived his report.

Agenda Item 20. Report of the Immediate Past President – Alainna R. Mire

Ms. Mire waived her report.

Agenda Item 21. Report of the Young Lawyers Division Chair – Graham H. Ryan

Mr. Ryan announced that the Young Lawyers Conference will take place on April 8 in New Orleans. He said it would include CLE sessions, presentation of awards and a networking event. He said that the YLD Council was pleased to report that Judge Carl Stewart would be the keynote speaker at the awards luncheon. He reported that the YLD has been working with the Access to Justice Department on Hurricane Ida disaster recovery. He also updated members on the Barristers for Boards program.

Agenda Item 22. Report of the Executive Director – Loretta Larsen

Ms. Larsen reported that the elections will open Monday, November 15 and will include several amendments to the Articles of Incorporation which were approved by the House of Delegates earlier this year. Voting will close on Monday, December 13.

Agenda Item 23. Report of the Associate Executive Director – Cheri Cotogno Grodsky

Ms. Grodsky referred members to her written report.

Agenda Item 24. Staff Reports

- Access to Justice – Monte T. Mollere
Mr. Mollere reported that the ATJ Department continues to work with the YLD, legal service providers and others to support response to Hurricane Ida (as well as COVID-19, and Hurricanes Laura, Delta and Zeta). Volunteers addressed the needs of disaster victims and others throughout Louisiana at 177 events during National Pro Bono Week. He added that 91 attorneys participated in Lawyers in Libraries events at 62 library branches.
- Communications – Community Action Committee
Ms. Larsen directed members to the Communication Department’s flyer announcing the hurricane Ida recovery Day of Service in Pointe-aux-Chenes on Saturday, December 4, 2021. Mr. Pipes encouraged those who could to volunteer.

Agenda Item 26. Litigation Update

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.A. Martin III", with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the signature.

C.A. (Hap) Martin III
Secretary

APPROVED BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
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