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**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**12:30 p.m. ■ Wednesday, June 5, 2024**  
**Miramar Beach, Florida**

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President Shayna L. Sonnier called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m., on June 5, 2024 in Miramar Beach, Florida.

**Agenda Item 1. Roll Call**

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

President, Shayna L. Sonnier  
President-Elect, Patrick A. Talley, Jr.  
Treasurer, Larry J. Centola III  
Secretary, Valerie T. Schexnayder  
Immediate Past President, Stephen I. Dwyer  
Chair, Young Lawyers Division, Senée D. Hall  
First Board District Representative, J. Christopher Zainey, Jr.  
First Board District Representative, Graham H. Ryan  
Third Board District Representative, Melanie W. Chatagnier  
Fifth Board District Representative, Carrie LeBlanc Jones  
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, Jeffrey A. Riggs  
At-Large Member, L. Bradley Hancock  
From the Faculty of Loyola University College of Law, Monica Hof Wallace  
From the Faculty of Southern University Law Center, Donald W. North  
From the Louisiana State Law Institute, André Douget  
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Chair, Keenan K. Kelly  
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, Sandra K. Cosby  
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, Shannon Seiler Dartez

Also present were:

President-Elect Designee, Edward J. Walters, Jr.  
Executive Director, Loretta Larsen, CAE

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Associate Executive Director, Cheri Cotogno Grodsky  
Access to Justice Director, Monte T. Mollere  
Communications Director, Kelly W. Ponder  
Information Technology Director, Ashley Cambre  
Director of Member Outreach and Diversity, Tricia R. Pierre  
Executive Assistant, Jennifer France

Absent were:

Second Board District Representative, Jeffrey G. Lagarde  
Fourth Board District Representative, Adam P. Johnson  
Fifth Board District Representative, Kelly M. Rabalais  
At-Large Member, Blake R. David

**Agenda Item 2. Consent Calendar**

**a. Approval of Minutes**

Consideration of approval of minutes of the April 18 meeting in New Orleans.

Upon motion by Mr. Douget and second by Mr. Riggs, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda.

**Agenda Item 3. Section Reporting and Compliance – Shayna L. Sonnier**

Ms. Sonnier reviewed the sections' annual reports, noting that all sections were in compliance.

**Agenda Item 4. Committee on Bar Admissions – Shayna L. Sonnier**

Ms. Sonnier asked the Board to consider the recommendation to the Louisiana Supreme Court the appointment of Nichole M. Buckle as a member of the Character and Fitness Panel for the Committee on Bar Admissions. Upon motion by Mr. Joseph and second by Mr. Kelly, the Board voted unanimously to recommend the appointment of Ms. Buckle.

**Agenda Item 5. LCAF/JLAP MOU – Shayna L. Sonnier**

Ms. Sonnier reviewed the LCAF amendments to the draft MOU, noting that the Executive Committee had likewise reviewed and was recommending approval. Upon motion by Ms. Schexnayder and second by Mr. Kelly, the Board voted unanimously to approve the MOU.

**Agenda Item 6. Report of the President – Shayna L. Sonnier**

Ms. Sonnier expressed her gratitude to all Board members for their service throughout the year and told the Board that it had been his honor to serve with them during her term as President.

**Agenda Item 7. Recognition of 2023/2024 Board Members – Shayna L. Sonnier**

Ms. Sonnier presented each Board member with a token of her appreciation for their service and presented certificates for those members whose terms on the Board were ending.

**Agenda Item 8. Presentation – Patrick A. Talley, Jr.**

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Mr. Talley presented Ms. Sonnier with a gift from the Board of Governors in appreciation for her service to the Association.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valerie T. Schexnayder".

Valerie T. Schexnayder  
Secretary

**APPROVED BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
AUGUST 24, 2024  
NEW ORLEANS, LA**