



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

June 12, 2020

Via Zoom

*** MINUTES ***

President Alainna R. Mire called the videoconference to order at 10:30 a.m., Friday, June 12. 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, Alainna R. Mire
President-Elect, H. Minor Pipes III
Secretary, Patrick A. Talley, Jr.
Treasurer, John E. McAuliffe, Jr.
Immediate Past President, Robert A. Kutcher
Chair, Young Lawyers Division, Carrie L. Jones
First Board District Representative, Lawrence J. Centola III
Second Board District Representative, Erin O. Braud
Fourth Board District Representative, Todd S. Clemons
Fifth Board District Representative, Kelly M. Rabalais
Sixth Board District Representative, Edward L. Tarpley, Jr.
Seventh Board District Representative, Paul L. Hurd
Eighth Board District Representative, Lauren B. McKnight
At-Large Member, Lynn Luker
At-Large Member, Tina L. Suggs
At-Large Member, Adrejia B. Swafford
From the Faculty of Loyola University College of Law, Monica Hof Wallace
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Chair, Shayna Beevers Morvant
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, Ann S. Siddall
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, D. Skylar Rosenbloom

Also present were:

Executive Director, Loretta Larsen, CAE
Associate Executive Director, Cheri Cotogno Grodsky
Access to Justice Director, Monte T. Mollere

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Director of Member Outreach and Diversity, Tricia R. Pierre
Information Technology Director, Ashley Cambre
Executive Assistant, Jennifer France

Absent were:

First Board District Representative, Scott L. Sternberg
Third Board District Representative, Dwazendra J. Smith
Fifth Board District Representative, Adrian G. Nadeau
From the Faculty of Southern University Law Center, Donald W. North
From the Louisiana State Law Institute, Zelda W. Tucker

Agenda Item 2. Consent Calendar

a. Bank Resolutions

Resolutions have been prepared covering all accounts of the Association. These require that all checks be signed by Treasurer John E. McAuliffe, Jr. or Assistant Treasurer Loretta Larsen and countersigned by one of the following persons: Alainna R. Mire, H. Minor Pipes III, Robert A. Kutcher, Patrick A. Talley, Jr., Lawrence J. Centola III, Tina L. Suggs and Monica Hof Wallace.

b. Presidential Authority

Under the Charter, the President, with the consent of the Board of Governors, may make committee appointments and create committees with acquiescence of Executive Committee and Board of Governors. The Board is requested to grant Ms. Mire the authority to make such appointments as required during his term of office and also to create such special committees and/or task forces he deems necessary and proper with acquiescence of Executive Committee and Board of Governors.

c. Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education

Periodic report from the LCLCE, as required by the April 2010 cooperative endeavor agreement.

Upon motion by Mr. Tarpley and second by Mr. McAuliffe, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Calendar without discussion or debate.

Agenda Item 3. Board of Governors Statements Confirming LSBA Policies – Alainna R. Mire

After review by Ms. Mire and upon motion by Mr. McAuliffe and second by Mr. Kutcher, the Board unanimously approved the Antitrust Avoidance, Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest policies, which will be signed in person upon the next meeting of the Board.

Ms. Mire reminded Board members of the need to disclose any conflicts of interest prior to signing

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the policy.

Agenda Item 4. Budget – John E. McAuliffe, Jr.

a. JLAP Budget Request

Mr. McAuliffe reported the JLAP Budget had been timely submitted and included a \$300,000 contribution from the LSBA.

b. 2020/2021 Budget

Mr. McAuliffe reviewed the proposed budget, highlighting those items which he deemed most important, along with those items which reflected any significant changes from FY 2019/2020. He also noted that with the unknown impact of COVID-19 on the LSBA's live programming, it would likely that the budget would be amended throughout the coming fiscal year.

Mr. Kutcher moved for adoption of both the JLAP and LSBA budgets, which motion was seconded by Mr. Pipes. A brief discussion followed.

Mr. Tarpley expressed his concern over the government relations expenses. Mr. Hurd expressed his concern over the loss of CLE income.

The question was called on approval of the JLAP budget and adoption of the LSBA budget as recommended by the Budget Committee and presented by Mr. McAuliffe. The Board approved the motion, with Mr. Tarpley and Mr. Hurd dissenting.

Agenda Item 5. JLAP Board of Directors – Alainna R. Mire

Ms. Mire referred the Board to the JLAP Board roster which showed terms of expiring members. She also noted that JLAP Executive Director J.E. "Buddy" Stockwell III had submitted his resignation, making the coming year a transition year for JLAP. She noted that based on the JLAP Bylaws, LSBA President-Elect H. Minor Pipes III would automatically replace her as JLAP Treasurer. She asked the Board to recommend that the JLAP Board elect Shayna Sonnier as its President and to reappoint Judge Rachael D. Johnson for a second three-year term. Upon motion by Mr. McAuliffe and second by Mr. Clemons, the Board voted unanimously as per Ms. Mire's request.

Agenda Item 6. Election Procedures 2020/2021 – Loretta Larsen

Ms. Larsen reviewed the election procedures, noting that the following positions would be elected in the coming year:

- Board of Governors representatives from the Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Districts;
- House of Delegates representatives from the Twentieth through Forty-Second Judicial Districts;
- All 15 members of the Nominating Committee; and

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- One delegate to the American Bar Association House of Delegates.

She noted that the elections would again be conducted online only, in accordance with procedures adopted a number of years ago.

Upon motion by Mr. Kutcher and second by Mr. McAuliffe, the Board unanimously approved the election procedures.

Agenda Item 7. Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education – Alainna R. Mire

Ms. Mire reviewed the proposed 2020-2021 Louisiana Center of Law and Civic Education Board of Directors roster. Upon motion by Mr. Kutcher and second by Mr. McAuliffe, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Board as proposed, with Ms. Morvant abstaining.

Agenda Item 8. Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization – Alainna R. Mire

Ms. Mire reviewed the proposed 2020-2021 Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization roster, noting who were reappointments, who were new members and those being elevated to officer positions. Upon motion by Mr. Kutcher and second by Mr. Tarpley, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Board as proposed.

Agenda Item 9. Report of the President – Alainna R. Mire

a. 2020/2021 Board of Governors Orientation – Thursday, August 13 to Saturday, August 15, 2020

Ms. Mire announced the dates of the Board of Governors Orientation and urged all members to plan to attend.

b. Leadership LSBA 2020/2021 – Deadline for nominations is Friday June 26

Ms. Mire announced the deadline for nominations and encouraged Board members to nominate young lawyers for the class.

c. Committee Appointments

Ms. Mire encourage Board members to recommend lawyers for committee appointments and/or to encourage their colleagues to volunteer to serve.

d. 2020/2021 Board of Governors Meeting Calendar

Ms. Mire referred members to the meeting calendar and asked Board members to mark their calendars for all meetings.

e. August 2020 Meeting – Thursday, August 27 through Saturday, August 29 at the Ritz-Carlton New Orleans. The dinner on Friday, August 28 will include the formal installation of officers, along with the Board of Governors and YLD Council.

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Ms. Mire reviewed the schedule for the meeting and encouraged all members to attend. She noted that the Board's ceremonial swearing-in would be held at dinner on Friday, August 28.

f. 2021 Midyear Meeting – Thursday, January 21 through Saturday, January 23 at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel

Ms. Mire announced the dates for this meeting and encouraged all members to mark their calendars and plan to attend.

Agenda Item 10. Report of the President-Elect – H. Minor Pipes III

Mr. Pipes waived his report.

Agenda Item 11. Report of the Treasurer – John E. McAuliffe, Jr.

Mr. McAuliffe waived his report.

Agenda Item 12. Report of the Secretary – Patrick A. Talley, Jr.

Mr. Talley waived his report.

Agenda Item 13. Report of the Immediate Past President – Robert A. Kutcher

Mr. Kutcher waived his report.

Agenda Item 14. Report of the Young Lawyers Division Chair – Carrie L. Jones

Ms. Jones reported that the YLD Orientation will take place in July, and she will then update the Board on that meeting during the Board of Governors Orientation in August.

Agenda Item 15. Report of the Executive Director – Loretta Larsen

Ms. Larsen waived her report.

Agenda Item 16. Report of the Associate Executive Director – Cheri Cotogno Grodsky

Ms. Grodsky waived her report.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Patrick A. Talley, Jr.
Secretary