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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

11 a.m. ■ Friday, June 11, 2021

Miramar Beach, Florida

*** MINUTES ***

President H. Minor Pipes III called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 11, 2021, in Miramar Beach, Florida. 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.
Immediate Past President, Alainna R. Mire
Chair, Young Lawyers Division, Graham H. Ryan
First Board District Representative, Lawrence J. Centola
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
Fifth Board District Representative, Adrian G. Nadeau
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, Blake R. David
From the Faculty of LSU Law Center, John M. Church
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, Keenan K. Kelly

Also present were:

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

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

Absent were:

Secretary, C.A. “Hap” Martin III
Fifth Board District Representative, Kelly M. Rabalais
At-Large Member, Adrejia Boutté Swafford
From the Tulane Law School, Ronald J. Scalise, Jr.
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, D. Skylar Rosenbloom

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 or Assistant Treasurer Loretta Larsen and countersigned by one of the following persons: H. Minor Pipes III, Stephen I. Dwyer, C.A. “Hap” Martin III, Graham H. Ryan, Lawrence J. Centola, Kelly M. Rabalais, and Tina Suggs.

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 Mr. Pipes 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 agreement.

Upon motion by Mr. Nadeau and second by Mr. David, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved without discussion or debate.

Agenda Item 3. Implementation of the Strategic Plan – H. Minor Pipes III

Mr. Pipes referred Board members to the strategic plan adopted by the 2018/2019 Board of Governors and the progress toward same. He expressed his gratitude to LSBA volunteers and staff for continuing to move the plan forward.

Agenda Item 4. House of Delegates – H. Minor Pipes III

Mr. Pipes reviewed the action taken by the House of Delegates at its June 10, 2021 meeting. Upon

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motion by Mr. McAuliffe and second by Ms. Suggs, the Board voted unanimously to ratify the action of the House.

Agenda Item 5. Board of Governors Statements Confirming LSBA Policies – H. Minor Pipes III

After review by Mr. Pipes and upon motion by Mr. Dwyer and second by Ms. Mire, the Board unanimously approved the Antitrust Avoidance, Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest policies, which were circulated for signature.

Agenda Item 6. Budget – John E. McAuliffe, Jr.

a. JLAP Budget Request

Mr. McAuliffe reviewed the proposed JLAP budget for FY 2021/2022. After a brief discussion and upon motion by Ms. Mire and second by Mr. Elliott, the Board unanimously approved the budget, which included a \$300,000 contribution from the LSBA.

b. 2021/2022 Budget

Mr. McAuliffe reviewed the proposed budget as recommended by the Budget Committee, highlighting those items which he deemed most important, along with those items which reflected any significant changes from FY 2021/2022. Upon motion by Ms. Mire and second by Ms. Siddall, the Board voted unanimously to approve the budget as proposed.

Agenda Item 7. Election Procedures 2021/2022 – 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 First, Fourth and Fifth Districts;
- House of Delegates representatives from the First through Nineteenth Judicial Districts;
- All 15 members of the Nominating Committee; and
- Two delegates to the American Bar Association House of Delegates, plus one young lawyer delegate.

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

Upon motion by Ms. Mire and second by Mr. Sternberg, the Board unanimously approved the election procedures.

Agenda Item 8. Committee on Bar Admissions – H. Minor Pipes III

Mr. Pipes asked the Board to consider the appointment of Thomas P. Owen, Jr. as Examiner for the Civil Code I section of the Louisiana Bar Exam, to replace Magistrate Judge Donna Phillips Currault. Upon motion by Mr. Sternberg and second by Ms. Siddall, the Board unanimously approved recommending the appointment to the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Agenda Item 9. Report of the President – H. Minor Pipes III

a. Leadership LSBA 2021/2022

Mr. Pipes reported that applications were being accepted until June 25 and encouraged Board members to nominate young lawyers for the class.

b. Committee Appointments

Mr. Pipes reported that he would be meeting with staff on June 16 to make committee appointments.

c. 2021/2022 Board of Governors Meeting Calendar

Mr. Pipes referred members to the meeting schedule and asked Board members to mark their calendars for all meetings.

d. 2022 Midyear Meeting – Thursday, January 20 through Saturday, January 22 at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel

Mr. Pipes announced the dates and location of the Midyear Meeting and asked Board members to mark their calendars and plan to attend.

Agenda Item 10. Report of the President-Elect – Stephen I. Dwyer

a. 2022 Annual Meeting/Joint Summer School with Louisiana Judicial College at Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort – Sunday, June 5 through Friday, June 10

Mr. Dwyer announced the theme – Attempt the Summit – and dates of the 2022 Annual Meeting/Summer School for Lawyers and Judges and encouraged all to plan to attend.

b. 2022/2023 Board of Governors/YLD Council Orientation – Thursday, April 28 through Sunday, May 1

Mr. Dwyer announced the dates of the orientation and asked all continuing Board members to mark their calendars and plan to attend.

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

Mr. McAuliffe waived his report as all matters had been covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Agenda Item 12. Report of the Secretary – C. A. “Hap” Martin III

In Mr. Martin’s absence there was no report.

Agenda Item 13. Report of the Immediate Past President – Alainna R. Mire

Ms. Mire waived her report.

Agenda Item 14. Report of the Young Lawyers Division Chair – Graham H. Ryan

Mr. Ryan waived his report.

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

Ms. Larsen waived her report.

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

Ms. Grodsky referred members to her written report and encouraged Board members to volunteer for the 1L professionalism programs.

Agenda Item 17. Other Matters

Mr. Pipes referred members to the Insurance Committee's report and recommendations from its June 11, 2021 meeting. He advised that in compliance with La. R.S. 22:885 the endorsed CNA endorsed legal malpractice insurance policy needed to be amended to no longer require the insured to surrender its policy to the insurer to cancel the policy, but instead requires the insured only to provide written notice to the insurer. Mr. Pipes noted that there were four changes needed to facilitate this: two removing all references to surrendering a policy and two related to the return of unearned premium. Upon motion by Mr. Sternberg and second by Ms. Mire, the Board unanimously approved the recommendations.

Mr. Pipes referred Board members to the legislation update prepared by LSBA lobbyist Larry Murray. After some discussion, Ms. Siddall and Mr. Kelly encouraged Board members to annually attend the public Legislation Committee meeting so that they will have complete knowledge of the committee's recommendations to the Board.

Agenda Item 18. Litigation Update

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Loretta Larsen", written in a cursive style.

Loretta Larsen
Assistant Secretary

**APPROVED BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
AUGUST 28, 2021
NEW ORLEANS, LA**