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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

**April 8, 2022
Covington, LA**

*** M I N U T E S ***

President H. Minor Pipes III called the meeting to order at 9 a.m., Friday, April 8, 2022, at The Southern Hotel. 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
First Board District Representative, Lawrence J. Centola
First Board District Representative, Scott L. Sternberg
Second Board District Representative, Erin O. Braud
Fourth Board District Representative, Todd S. Clemons
Fifth Board District Representative, Kelly M. Rabalais (by phone)
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, Adreja L.A. Boutté (by phone)
At-Large Member, Blake R. David
From the Faculty of Louisiana State Law Institute, Lila Tritico Hogan
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, D. Skylar Rosenbloom (by phone)
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
Information Technology Director, Ashley Cambre
Access to Justice Director, Monte Mollere
Director of Member Outreach and Diversity, Tricia R. Pierre (by phone)

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Executive Assistant, Jennifer France

Absent were:

Immediate Past President, Alainna R. Mire
Chair, Young Lawyers Division, Graham H. Ryan
Third Board District Representative, Dwazendra J. Smith
From the Faculty of LSU Law Center, John M. Church
From the Tulane Law School, Ronald J. Scalise, Jr.
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Chair, Ann S. Siddall

Agenda Item 2. Consent Calendar

- a. **Minutes of January 21 and 22, 2022 Meetings** – Consideration of approval of minutes of January 21 and 22, 2022 meetings.
- b. **Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education** – Periodic report from the LCLCE, as required by the April 2010 agreement.
Upon motion by Mr. David and second by Mr. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Calendar without discussion or debate.

Agenda Item 3. Budget – John E. McAuliffe, Jr.

- a. **Amendments to FY 2021/2022 Budget** – Consideration of amendments as recommended by Budget Committee.
Mr. McAuliffe reviewed the amendments to the FY 2021/2022 budget as recommended by the Budget Committee. He noted that the amendments resulted in a positive impact to the budget. Upon motion by Mr. Dwyer and second by Mr. Street, the Board unanimously approved the amendments as recommended by the Budget Committee.
- b. **Consideration of FY 2022/2023 Budget** – Consideration of approval of budget for FY 2022/2023.
Mr. McAuliffe reviewed the proposed FY 2022/2023 budget as recommended by the Budget Committee noting an expected increase in expenses as COVID-19 restrictions lessen. Upon motion by Mr. Nadeau and second by Mr. Dwyer, the Board unanimously approved the proposed budget as recommended by the Budget Committee.

Agenda Item 4. Ratification of At-Large Appointment – Stephen I. Dwyer

Mr. Dwyer asked for ratification of Jeffrey A. Riggs of Lafayette as his at-large appointment to the Board of Governors for a three-year term beginning at the close of the 2022 Annual Meeting and ending at the close of the 2025 Annual Meeting. The Board at its January 21 meeting gave Mr. Dwyer the authority to make the appointment. Upon motion by Mr. McAuliffe and second by Mr. Martin, the Board ratified Mr. Riggs's appointment, with Mr. Sternberg opposing.

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Agenda Item 5. Ratification of Pro Bono Awards and Children's Law Awards Vote – H. Minor Pipes III

Mr. Pipes asked for ratification of the March 15, 2022 email vote regarding recipients of Pro Bono Awards and Children's Law Awards. Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and second by Mr. Dwyer, the Board voted unanimously to ratify the email vote.

Agenda Item 6. Catherine D. Kimball Award for the Administration of Justice – H. Minor Pipes III

Mr. Pipes asked the Board to consider the nominees for the Catherine D. Kimball Award. After some discussion and upon motion by Mr. David and second by Mr. Sternberg, the Board voted unanimously to present the award to the Hon. Randall L. Bethancourt and Hon. William A. Morvant (ret.).

Agenda Item 7. Insurance Committee Recommendations – H. Minor Pipes III

Mr. Pipes asked the Board to consider the following recommendations regarding legal malpractice insurance from the Insurance Committee: a rate decrease for firms in Tier 1 and Tier 2; and a premium reduction for newly admitted lawyers who meet certain criteria. Upon motion by Mr. Nadeau and second by Mr. Centola, the Board unanimously approved the recommendations from the Insurance Committee.

Agenda Item 8. Appointment of JLAP Board of Directors

Mr. Pipes advised that in accordance with JLAP Bylaws, the LSBA Board of Governors was charged with making appointments to the JLAP Board of Directors. After taking into account the recommendations of the JLAP Board and the LSBA Executive Committee, and upon motion by Mr. Sternberg and second by Mr. McAuliffe, the Board voted unanimously to make the following appointments:

- LSBA Leader Director 2022-2025 and President 2022-2023 – H. Minor Pipes III;
- LSBA Member Director 2022-2025 – Jonathan C. Pedersen; and
- Treasurer 2022-2023 – Shayna L. Sonnier, by virtue of her position as LSBA President-Elect.

Agenda Item 9. Committee on Diversity Award Recommendations – Tricia R. Pierre

Ms. Pierre asked the Board to consider the recommendations from the Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession for the following awards:

- Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award – Hon. Freddie Pitcher, Jr. (Ret.); and
- Guardian of Diversity Award – Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc.

After a brief discussion and upon motion by Mr. McAuliffe and second by Ms. Hogan, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Committee on Diversity's recommendations.

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Agenda Item 10. Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program – Stephen I. Dwyer

- a. **Report on JLAP Operations**
- b. **Mandatory reporting to LSBA**

Mr. Dwyer reported JLAP Executive Director, Dr. Angela White-Bazile is visiting treatment centers to ensure they are providing quality services for Bar members and that he is confident in her leadership of the program. He referred Board members to JLAP's quarterly report.

Agenda Item 11. Special JLAP Funding Committee – H. Minor Pipes III

Mr. Pipes reported the special committee is working with the Supreme Court to increase the CLE sponsor accreditation fee from \$50 to \$75, with the additional \$25 earmarked to fund JLAP services.

Agenda Item 12. Annual Meeting/Summer School for Lawyers and Judges – H. Minor Pipes III

Mr. Pipes referred Board members to the registrations to date and plans for 2022 meeting.

Agenda Item 13. Strategic Plan Update – H. Minor Pipes III

Mr. Pipes referred members to the written report noting the plan is close to complete.

Agenda Item 14. Report of the President – H. Minor Pipes III

- a. **BOG Meeting** – Mr. Pipes asked members to mark their calendar for the final meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, in connection with the 2022 Annual Meeting/Summer School for Lawyers & Judges.
- b. **Reception Honoring 50, 60 and 70-Year Members** – Mr. Pipes announced the reception was rescheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2022, at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel and encouraged members to attend.
- c. **Louisiana Bar Foundation Annual Fellows Gala** – Mr. Pipes announced the gala is scheduled for Friday, April 22, 2022, at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans, and invited Board members to attend.

Agenda Item 15. Report of the President-Elect – Stephen I. Dwyer

- a. **2022-2023 Board of Governors/YLD Council Orientation** – Mr. Dwyer reminded continuing Board members that the Orientation will be held April 28 through May 1.
- b. **March 2023 Rhone River CLE Cruise Aboard AmaKristina** – Mr. Dwyer announced the cruise would travel through France's wine country and encouraged members to consider attending.

Agenda Item 16. Report of the Treasurer – John E. McAuliffe, Jr.

Mr. McAuliffe waived his report, as all items had been covered elsewhere in the agenda.

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Agenda Item 17. Report of the Secretary – C.A. “Hap” Martin III

Mr. Martin extended his appreciation to the LSBA staff working on the *Louisiana Bar Journal*.

Agenda Item 18. Report of the Immediate Past President – Alainna R. Mire

In Ms. Mire’s absence, there was no report.

Agenda Item 19. Report of the Young Lawyers Division Chair – Graham H. Ryan

In Mr. Ryan’s absence, there was no report.

Agenda Item 20. Report of the Executive Director – Loretta Larsen

Ms. Larsen asked Board members to email her or her assistant if they planned to attend the 50, 60, and 70-Year Reception.

Agenda Item 21. Report of the Associate Executive Director – Cheri Cotogno Grodsky

Ms. Grodsky referred members to her written report noting several upcoming events.

Agenda Item 22. Staff Reports

- a. **ATJ – Monte Mollere** – Mr. Mollere invited Board members to the Pro Bono Awards Ceremony scheduled for May 24 at the courts.
- b. **Outreach & Diversity – Tricia Pierre** – Ms. Pierre thanked the Board members for their continued support.

Executive Session

At 9:52 a.m., Mr. McAuliffe moved that the Board go into the Executive Session, which motion was seconded by Mr. Kelly. The Executive Session began at 9:53 a.m. and ended at 9:59 a.m.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



C.A. (Hap) Martin III
Secretary

**APPROVED BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
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