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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Saturday, August 27, 2022

New Orleans, LA

*** MINUTES ***

President Stephen I. Dwyer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, August 27, 2022, in New Orleans, Louisiana. 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, participated:

President, Stephen I. Dwyer
President-Elect, Shayna L. Sonnier
Treasurer, Larry J. Centola III
Secretary, C.A. "Hap" Martin III
Immediate Past President, H. Minor Pipes III
Chair, Young Lawyers Division, Danielle L. Borel
First Board District Representative, Scott L. Sternberg
First Board District Representative, J. Christopher Zainey, Jr.
Second Board District Representative, Erin O. Braud
Third Board District Representative, Dwazendra J. Smith
Fourth Board District Representative, Adam P. Johnson
Fifth Board District Representative, Adrian G. Nadeau
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, Adrejia L.A. Boutté
At-Large Member, Blake R. David (by phone)
At-Large Member, Jeffrey A. Riggs
From the Faculty of LSU Law Center, John M. Church
From the Tulane Law School, Ronald J. Scalise, Jr.
From the Faculty of Louisiana State Law Institute, Lila Tritico Hogan
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Chair, Keenan K. Kelly

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House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, D. Skylar Rosenbloom
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, Sandra K. Cosby

Also present were:

Secretary Nominee, Valerie Schexnayder (by phone)

From the Leadership LSBA 2022/2023 Class:

Taylor B. Ashworth
Carlesia C. Bibbins
Ashley M. Caruso
Robert Clayton Christian
Joseph R. Dronet
Candace B. Ford
Ashley Unique Johnson
Bianca N. Moore
Amy L. Pirtle

Executive Director, Loretta Larsen, CAE

Associate Executive Director, Cheri Cotogno Grodsky

Access to Justice Director, Monte T. Mollere

Communications Director, Kelly W. Ponder

Director of Member Outreach and Diversity, Tricia R. Pierre (by phone)

Information Technology Director, Ashley Cambre

Executive Assistant, Jennifer France

Agenda Item 2. Introduction of Leadership LSBA 2022/2023 Class

At Mr. Dwyer's request, the Leadership Class members introduced themselves to the Board.

Agenda Item 3. Consent Calendar

- a. Minutes of June 8, 2022 and June 10, 2022 Meetings** - Consideration of approval of minutes of June 8, 2022 and June 10, 2022 meetings held during Annual Meeting;
- b. Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education** - Periodic report from the LCLCE, as required by the April 2010 agreement; and
- c. Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization** - Annual Report from Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization.

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

Agenda Item 4. Budget – Larry J. Centola III

- a. 2021/2022 Budget** – Review of preliminary June 2022 financial report for FY 2021/2022; and

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- b. 2022/2023 Budget** – Consideration of amendments to FY 2022/2023 budget as recommended by the Budget Committee.

Mr. Centola reported on the 2021/2022 budget, noting that due to a number of factors including the COVID pandemic's continued impact on live events, the LSBA ended the year with a roughly \$1 million contribution to reserves.

Mr. Centola reviewed a number of budget amendments being recommended by the Budget Committee, noting that they resulted in a positive impact on the budget. Upon motion by Mr. Martin and second by Mr. Church, the Board unanimously approved the amendments as recommended.

Agenda Item 5. Ratification of Email Votes – Stephen I. Dwyer

Ratification of the following appointments to the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization approved by the Board via email on June 30, 2022: Chair, Richard Leefe; Vice Chair, Susan J. Burkenstock; Treasurer, Douglas C. Caldwell; Members - Kevin R. Molloy, Robert E. Rowe, Shawn D. Vance, Robert G. Levy, Ann Marie LeBlanc, and Angela Cox Williams. Upon motion by Mr. Street and second by Mr. Riggs, the Board unanimously ratified the action previously taken by email.

Agenda Item 6. Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education – Loretta Larsen

Ms. Larsen referred members to the 2022/2023 LCLCE Board of Directors roster. Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and second by Mr. Joseph, the Board unanimously approved the appointments.

Agenda Item 7. Budget Committee Election – Stephen I. Dwyer

Mr. Dwyer noted that the Board would need to elect a member to serve a two-year term on the Budget Committee, which term would commence immediately and end at the 2024 Annual Meeting. Mr. Kelly nominated Mr. Joseph, which nomination was seconded by Ms. Smith. Mr. Riggs moved that the nominations be closed, and Mr. Joseph was elected by acclamation.

Agenda Item 8. Nominating Committee – Stephen I. Dwyer

Mr. Dwyer reported that the Nominating Committee at its August 25 meeting nominated Patrick A. Talley, Jr. for 2023-2024 President-Elect (to succeed to the presidency in 2024-2025) and Valerie T. Schexnayder for 2023-2025 Secretary.

Agenda Item 9. Single Billing 2022/2023 Recap – Loretta Larsen

Ms. Larsen referred members to the written report and advised that collections were on track with prior years.

Agenda Item 10. Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program – Shayna L. Sonnier

Ms. Sonnier advised that JLAP had timely submitted its quarterly report and that the LSBA had remitted its first quarterly payment to JLAP. Ms. Sonnier announced that Mr. Pipes is serving as JLAP president for the 2022-2023 term. She added that director Dr. Angela White-Bazile has

spoken at numerous programs and events.

Agenda Item 11. Strategic Plan Update – Stephen I. Dwyer

Mr. Dwyer referred members to the report noting great progress had been made over the past five years, and that the Board should reevaluate the plan in the next couple of years.

Agenda Item 12. Report of the President – Stephen I. Dwyer

- a. **Law School Professionalism Programs** – Mr. Dwyer reported on the 1L programs.
- b. **Lawyer Advertising** – Mr. Dwyer gave an update on the filing and review process. He noted that he had invited Rules of Professional Conduct Committee Chair Richard C. Stanley to the meeting to provide an overview of the program and answer Board members' questions. Mr. Dwyer added that Mr. Stanley had a conflict but offered to meet with the Board via Zoom in the near future. He advised that staff would be in touch regarding a date and time for this meeting.
- c. **Access to Justice** – At Mr. Dwyer's request, ATJ Director Monte Mollere gave an overview of his comprehensive written report on programs and initiatives of the ATJ Commission, Committee and Department.
- d. **Expansion of Four Corners Free CLE Series** – Mr. Dwyer reported that this series of free CLE programs would be expanded to include the seven Supreme Court Districts, and that dates had been coordinated so that the Supreme Court justices would each speak at the programs in their respective districts.
- e. **Appointments re House Resolution No. 168** – Mr. Dwyer announced the appointments of Barry H. Grodsky and Ryan M. McCabe to the task force on home rule charter and state law provisions relating to the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board.
- f. **Mandatory Mentoring (Transition Into Practice Program)** – Mr. Dwyer reported that he was continuing discussions with the Supreme Court to make this program mandatory. He added that the concept of mandatory mentoring was previously approved by both the Board of Governors and House of Delegates.
- g. **Fall 2022 Meeting** – Mr. Dwyer announced that the next Board of Governors meeting will be held Thursday, November 10 and Friday, November 11 at the Golden Nugget Lake Charles. He encouraged Board members to attend and added that additional information will be forwarded to Board members no later than mid-September.
- h. **2023 Midyear Meeting** – Mr. Dwyer announced that the 2023 Midyear meeting will be held Thursday, January 19 through Saturday, January 21 at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel.
- i. **CLE Opportunities** – Mr. Dwyer announced the following upcoming programs:
 - **New York, New York Multi-Topic CLE**
Saturday, November 19 – Tuesday, November 22
Hotel InterContinental Times Square
[LSBA Events and Seminars](#)

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- **A Grand CLE**
Friday, December 9 – Sunday, December 11
Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa, Autograph Collection
Point Clear, Alabama
[LSBA Events and Seminars](#)
- **Dazzling Disney! A Multi-Topic CLE Seminar**
Monday, February 20 – Wednesday, February 22, 2023 (Mardi Gras)
Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa
Lake Buena Vista, Florida
- **Colors of Provence CLE Cruise**
Thursday, March 23 – Thursday, March 30, 2023
Avignon to Lyon aboard the AmaKristina
[LSBARhoneRiverCruise2023.pdf](#)

Agenda Item 13. Report of the President-Elect – Shayna L. Sonnier
Ms. Sonnier waived her report.

Agenda Item 14. Report of the Secretary – C.A. “Hap” Martin III
Mr. Martin waived his report.

Agenda Item 15. Report of the Treasurer – Larry J. Centola III
Mr. Centola waived his report.

Agenda Item 16. Report of the Immediate Past President – H. Minor Pipes III
Mr. Pipes waived his report.

Agenda Item 17. Report of the Young Lawyers Division Chair – Danielle L. Borel
Ms. Borel reported the council nominated Collin R. Melancon for 2023-2024 Secretary. She added that the YLD has sponsored several Wills for Heroes events this year. The mock trial program is up and running, and she encouraged Board members to inform her of schools interested in the program. She noted the YLD has been collaborating with young lawyers divisions in several other states which has proven beneficial. She also reported that the Young Lawyers Conference will take place in March in New Orleans, and that Florida Young Lawyers Division would likely participate.

Agenda Item 18. Report of the Executive Director – Loretta Larsen
Ms. Larsen waived her report.

Agenda Item 19. Report of the Associate Executive Director – Cheri Cotogno Grodsky
Ms. Grodsky referred members to her written report.

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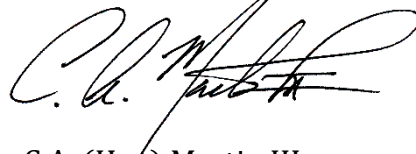
Agenda Item 21. Executive Session – Update on *Boudreaux* litigation.

At 10:22 a.m., Mr. Joseph moved that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss litigation, which motion was seconded by Mr. Nadeau. Mr. Dwyer asked all non-members to exit the meeting. The Executive Session ended at 10:27 a.m.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



C.A. (Hap) Martin III
Secretary

APPROVED BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
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