



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

January 21 & 22, 2022

Baton Rouge, LA

*** MINUTES ***

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2022

President H. Minor Pipes III called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m., Friday, January 21, 2022, at the Renaissance Baton Rouge 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
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House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, D. Skylar Rosenbloom (by Zoom)
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, Keenan K. Kelly

Also present were:

President-Elect Designee, Shayna L. Sonnier

From the Leadership LSBA 2021/2022 Class:

Co-Chair, Iriane B. Lee (by Zoom)

Andretta Breaux Atkins (by Zoom)

Stuart R. Breaux (by Zoom)

Chaunda M. Brooks (by Zoom)

Farren L. Davis (by Zoom)

Jimmie C. Herring (by Zoom)

Elizabeth L. Hyman (by Zoom)

Alexis P. Joachim (by Zoom)

Shermin S. Khan (by Zoom)

Matthew S. Smith (by Zoom)

Briana C. Spivey (by Zoom)

Executive Director, Loretta Larsen, CAE

Associate Executive Director, Cheri Cotogno Grodsky

Communications Director, Kelly W. Ponder

Information Technology Director, Ashley Cambre

Access to Justice Director, Monte Mollere (by Zoom)

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

Executive Assistant, Jennifer France

Absent were:

First Board District Representative, Scott L. Sternberg

House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Chair, Ann S. Siddall

Agenda Item 2. Consent Calendar

a. **Approval of Minutes** – Consideration of approval of minutes of November 6, 2021 meeting.

b. **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. McAuliffe and second by Ms. Mire, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Calendar without discussion or debate.

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Agenda Item 3. Amendments to FY 2021/2022 Budget – John E. McAuliffe, Jr.

Mr. McAuliffe reviewed the proposed 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. Elliott and second by Ms. Mire, the Board unanimously approved the amendments as recommended by the Budget Committee.

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

Mr. Dwyer asked for authorization from the Board to make his three-year at-large appointment, with Board ratification to follow at the Board's spring meeting. The position begins at the close of the 2022 Annual Meeting and ends at the close of the 2025 Annual Meeting. Upon motion by Ms. Mire and second by Mr. Joseph, the Board unanimously approved Mr. Dwyer's request.

Agenda Item 5. Member Benefits – Tricia R. Pierre

Ms. Pierre asked that the Board consider two technology-related member benefits:

- a. Maple Media – Maple Media offers a high-powered scanning app called SwiftScan, a mobile scanner app for documents and QR codes. With SwiftScan LSBA members can create free, high-quality PDFs or JPG scans with one tap, send documents as a fax, or scan single and multi-page documents.
- b. Chat Agents – Chat Agents offers 24/7 live chat operators who handle client support and customer service inquiries. Chat Agents also captures new website visitors, engages with them, and refers visitors to attorneys.

Ms. Pierre advised that both benefits were at no cost to the LSBA. Upon motion by Ms. Mire and second by Ms. Suggs, the Board unanimously approved the member benefits.

Agenda Item 6. Review of House of Delegates Agenda – H. Minor Pipes III

Mr. Pipes reviewed the House agenda and resolutions and noted that the resolution from Michael R. Delesdernier had been withdrawn. He noted he would present the Distinguished Service to the Profession Award to Val P. Exnicios, who had sadly passed away after bravely fighting pancreatic cancer. He also reminded members that the Board would reconvene at the adjournment of the House meeting to consider ratification of the action of the House.

Agenda Item 7. Election Update – Loretta Larsen

Ms. Larsen referred members to the written report, noting that there was one runoff election for the 1st District Young Lawyers Division seat.

Agenda Item 8. Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program – Stephen I. Dwyer

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

Mr. Dwyer reported JLAP is continuing to provide services to Bar members and looking to secure

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funding. He also noted a law firm had donated to JLAP \$100,000 per year for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024, for a total of \$300,000. He referred members to JLAP's quarterly report noting that the program was working within its budget.

Agenda Item 9. Special JLAP Funding Committee – H. Minor Pipes III

Mr. Pipes reported the special committee is looking into several options and should have them finalized prior to the April Board meeting. He said he hoped the additional funding would help to reduce LSBA contributions to JLAP.

Agenda Item 10. Strategic Plan Update – H. Minor Pipes III

Mr. Pipes referred members to the written report noting that the LSBA staff is on pace and almost finished accomplishing goals set forth in the Strategic Plan. He thanked the staff for their continued efforts.

Reports

Agenda Item 11. Report of the President – H. Minor Pipes III

- a. **The LSBA Uncorked: A CLE Adventure in the California Wine Country** – Mr. Pipes encouraged members to register for the seminar scheduled for March 28-30.
- b. **BOG Meeting** – Mr. Pipes asked Board members to mark their calendars for the spring meeting to be held Thursday, April 7 and Friday, April 8 in Covington. Information will be sent to Board members in February.
- c. **2022 Annual Meeting and Summer School for Lawyers & Judges** – Mr. Pipes announced the theme of the Annual Meeting would be "Attempt the Summit." He asked Board members to plan to attend the June 5 – 10 event at Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort.
- d. **Other Matters** – Mr. Pipes added that due to COVID, the LSBA had to cancel the in-person reception honoring 50, 60, and 70-year members historically held in connection with the Midyear Meeting; a virtual reception would be held in its place. He added that he hopes to hold an event in the spring if circumstances permit.

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

- a. **2022-2023 Board of Governors/YLD Council Orientation** – Mr. Dwyer announced the Orientation dates to be April 28 through May 1 and asked continuing Board members to mark their calendars.
- b. **March 2023 Rhone River CLE Cruise Aboard AmaKristina** – Mr. Dwyer announced plans for 2023 European river cruise and February 7, 2022 information session for same.

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Agenda Item 13. Report of the Treasurer – John E. McAuliffe, Jr.
Mr. McAuliffe waived his report.

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

Agenda Item 15. Report of the Immediate Past President – Alainna R. Mire
Ms. Mire waived her report.

Agenda Item 16. Report of the Young Lawyers Division Chair – Graham H. Ryan
Mr. Ryan reported he was happy that the YLD Council is attracting more people from past Leadership LSBA classes, and they have a great diverse group that will continue to grow. He also discussed the virtual Professional Development Seminar held earlier that morning with 145 young lawyers participating, the Wills for Heroes event on January 15 in Harahan, and the upcoming YLD awards luncheon that will be held in conjunction with the Young Lawyers Conference in April. The Conference will be connecting young lawyers and judges across state. The YLD is also working more closely and deepening their relationship on the ABA level. Dani Borel, the next LSBA YLD Chair, is in the ranks to be a future ABA YLD Chair.

Agenda Item 17. Report of the Executive Director – Loretta Larsen
Ms. Larsen waived her report, as all items had been covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Agenda Item 18. Report of the Associate Executive Director – Cheri Cotogno Grodsky
Ms. Grodsky referred members to her report, noting out of 425 Qualified Candidates who were required to complete the Transition Into Practice program, only one failed to do so by the deadline but was in the process of complying.

Agenda Item 19. Staff Reports
There were no additional staff reports.

Agenda Item 20. Other Matters

At 2:31 p.m., Mr. Centola moved that the Board go into Executive Session, which motion was seconded by Mr. Martin. The Executive Session began at 2:32 p.m. and ended at 2:36 p.m.

Adjourn
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022

President Pipes reconvened the Board at 10:10 a.m., Saturday, January 22, 2022, immediately following the adjournment of the House of Delegates meeting. The following Board members participated:

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Absent were:

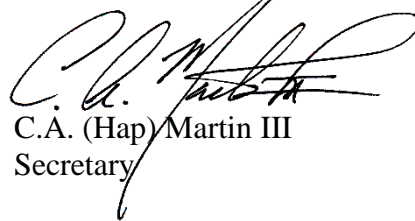
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Upon motion by Mr. Joseph and second by Ms. Mire, the Board voted unanimously to ratify all action of the House of Delegates.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



C.A. (Hap) Martin III
Secretary

**APPROVED BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
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