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# **HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING**

**9 a.m. ■ Thursday, June 6, 2024**  
**Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort ■ Miramar Beach, FL**

## **MINUTES**

President Shayna L. Sonnier called the meeting of the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association to order at 10:27 a.m., Thursday, June 6, 2024. She reminded participants of the following special rule:

- Salmon slips to speak for or against any resolution had to have been submitted in advance.
- She also reminded all members that they must use their MeetingPulse login to register their attendance for the meeting and to cast votes.

Business was conducted in accordance with the agenda below.

## **A G E N D A**

- I. **Certification of Quorum by the Secretary**  
*Secretary Valerie T. Schexnayder announced that there was a quorum. A participation roster is attached as an addendum to these minutes.*
- II. **Recognition of Deceased Members of the House of Delegates**  
*Ms. Sonnier asked for a moment of silence for the following deceased member of the HOD:*
  - *David A. Szwak, 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District*
- III. **Reports of Standing Committees of the House**  
*Ms. Sonnier announced that any reports had been emailed to House members.*
- IV. **Reports of Officers, Board of Governors, Standing Committees and Sections of the Louisiana State Bar Association \***
  1. Shayna L. Sonnier, President
  2. Patrick A. Talley, Jr., President-Elect
  3. Larry J. Centola III, Treasurer
  4. Valerie T. Schexnayder, Secretary

*There were no reports given, as officer reports were presented at the General Assembly.*

**V. Reports of Special Committees of the Louisiana State Bar Association\***

*Ms. Sonnier announced that committee reports were distributed via email in advance of the meeting.*

**VI. Other Reports\***

*There were no other reports.*

**Activities of the House of Delegates**

**VII. Approval of Minutes**

Consideration of approval of the Minutes of the January 20, 2024 Meeting of the House of Delegates.

*Upon motion by Jared E. Nelson of the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District and second by Louis G. Schott of the 41<sup>st</sup> Judicial District, the House unanimously approved the minutes as presented.*

**VIII. Resolution**

*Ms. Sonnier called upon Bar Governance Committee Chair Robert A. Kutcher who reported that the resolutions were in proper form and the committee recommended support.*

**Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization Resolutions**

1. Resolution from the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization proposing to amend the Appellate Practice Standards.

*Ms. Sonnier called upon 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Representative and Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization Chair Mr. Richard K. Lee to introduce the resolution and moved its adoption, which was duly seconded by Tina L. Suggs of the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.*

*There being no salmon slips, Ms. Sonnier advised the vote would be taken. She announced that members should vote for or against the resolution using MeetingPulse and that voting will be open for roughly 60 seconds.*

*After a reminder that 10 seconds remained, Ms. Sonnier announced that voting was closed, and that the resolution was APPROVED by the following vote:*

<i>Approve</i>	<i>115</i>
<i>Reject</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>2</i>

2. Resolution from the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization proposing to amend the Health Law Standards.

*Ms. Sonnier called upon 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Representative and Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization Chair Mr. Richard K. Leefe to introduce the resolution and moved its adoption, which was duly seconded by Jared E. Nelson of the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.*

*There being no salmon slips, Ms. Sonnier advised the vote would be taken. She announced that members should vote for or against the resolution using MeetingPulse and that voting will be open for roughly 60 seconds.*

*After a reminder that 10 seconds remained, Ms. Sonnier announced that voting was closed, and that the resolution was APPROVED by the following vote:*

<i>Approve</i>	<i>118</i>
<i>Reject</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>5</i>

**IX. Other Business**

Consideration of any other business to come before the House of Delegates.  
*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.*

Sincerely,



Valerie T. Schexnayder  
Secretary

**APPROVED BY HOUSE OF DELEGATES**  
**JANUARY 20, 2024**  
**BATON ROUGE, LA**

**ADDENDUM  
2024-2025 HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
ATTENDANCE ▪ 2024 ANNUAL MEETING**

**FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (14 seats) Parish of Caddo**

	Valerie A. DeLatte
PRESENT	James L. Fortson, Jr.
	Stephen Christopher Fortson
	W. James Hill III
	Trinicia S. Leonard
PRESENT	Stacey Smith Melerine
PRESENT	Kevin R. Molloy
PRESENT	Amy Michelle Perkins
PRESENT	Joseph L. Shea, Jr.
PRESENT	Scott R. Wolf
PRESENT	Paul L. Wood

**SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parishes of Bienville, Claiborne & Jackson**

**THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parishes of Lincoln & Union**

PRESENT	Albert Carter Mills IV
PRESENT	Tyler G. Storms

**FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (11 seats) Parishes of Morehouse & Ouachita**

PRESENT	April Martin Hammett
PRESENT	Kaleb Morgan Livingston BY PROXY TO W. Michael Street
	Spencer Kirby Moore
PRESENT	Ramsey L. Ogg
PRESENT	Alicia Reitzell
PRESENT	Justin Wooley
PRESENT	Thomas G. Zentner, Jr. BY PROXY TO C.A. “Hap” Martin III

**FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parishes of Franklin, Richland, & West Carroll**

John Clay Hamilton

**SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parishes of East Carroll, Madison & Tensas**

**SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parishes of Catahoula & Concordia**

Alexandra E. LeTard  
Ann S. Siddall

**EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Winn**

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**NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (7 seats) Parish of Rapides**

Bernetta Yvette Bryant  
PRESENT Charles D. Elliott  
PRESENT Derrick Javon Johnson  
PRESENT Amber Leanne LaBorde  
PRESENT Robert G. Levy BY PROXY TO Barry Barnett  
Monique Y. Metoyer  
PRESENT Alainna R. Mire

**TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Natchitoches**

PRESENT Howard Earl Conday, Jr.  
PRESENT Keenan K. Kelly

**ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Sabine**

PRESENT Joseph R. Stevens

**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Avoyelles**

**THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Evangeline**

**FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (10 seats) Parish of Calcasieu**

PRESENT Andrew M. Casanave  
PRESENT Todd S. Clemons  
PRESENT Brent Alan Hawkins  
PRESENT Rebecca J. Hunter  
PRESENT Jonathan Lane Johnson  
Derrick D. Kee  
PRESENT Larry E. Pichon  
PRESENT Michael H. Schwartzberg  
Robert James Sheffield

**FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (13 seats) Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette & Vermillion**

PRESENT Shannon Seiler Dartez  
Luke Anthony Dupre  
PRESENT Cristie Gautreaux Gibbens  
PRESENT Katherine L. Hurst  
PRESENT Karen Julian King  
Pamela Ann Lemoins  
PRESENT Brian Joseph Lindsey  
PRESENT Jared E. Nelson  
Dona Kay Renegar  
Julie Des Ormeaux Rosenzweig  
PRESENT Mandy Ann Simon  
PRESENT Michael D. Skinner

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PRESENT Juliette B. Wade

**SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (8 seats) Parishes of Iberia, St. Martin & St. Mary**

Shentell Walker Brown  
PRESENT Robert Kirk Chevalier  
Adolph B. Curet III  
PRESENT Eric P. Duplantis  
PRESENT Seanice Minnette Etienne  
Marsha McNulty  
PRESENT Daniel A. Rees  
Maggie Trahan Simar

**SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (5 seats) Parish of Lafourche**

Eugene G. Gouaux, Jr.  
PRESENT George J. Ledet, Jr.  
PRESENT Nicholas J. Zeringue

**EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (4 seats) Parishes of Iberville, Pointe Coupee & West Baton Rouge**

PRESENT Andretta Breau Atkins  
John Lane Ewing, Jr.  
Stephen P. Jewell  
PRESENT Deidre Deculus Robert

**NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (21 seats) Parish of East Baton Rouge**

PRESENT B. Scott Andrews  
PRESENT Jesse H. Bankston, Jr.  
PRESENT Valerie B. Bargas BY PROXY TO Carrie LeBlanc Jones  
PRESENT Brandi Alexis Barze  
PRESENT Elizabeth Bailly Bloch  
PRESENT James E. Boren  
PRESENT Dana B. Brown  
PRESENT Gideon T. Carter III  
Donald J. Cazayoux  
PRESENT Douglas J. Cochran  
PRESENT Renee C. Crasto  
PRESENT John Christopher Dippel, Jr.  
Theresa Jessica Dorcelus  
PRESENT Jean M. Faria  
Maya Guntz Flowers  
PRESENT Christopher B. Hebert  
PRESENT Craig F. Holthaus BY PROXY TO Quinn K. Brown  
Rusty M. Messer  
PRESENT Julie Baxter Payer BY PROXY TO Candace Ford

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PRESENT Mary E. Roper  
PRESENT David Abboud Thomas BY PROXY TO Josef Ventulan

**TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parishes of East Feliciana & West Feliciana**

PRESENT Samuel Christopher D'Aquilla  
Stewart B. Hughes

**TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (9 seats) Parishes of Livingston, St. Helena & Tangipahoa**

Erik L. Burns  
Anthony Todd Caruso  
PRESENT Colt Justin Fore  
PRESENT Ivy Landry Graham  
D. Blayne Honeycutt  
PRESENT Amanda Kay Kinchen-Gros  
Christopher Paul Leger  
PRESENT Robert W. Morgan  
PRESENT Sherrye Kay Palmer

**TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (12 seats) Parishes of St. Tammany & Washington**

Clayton J. Borne IV  
Shiena Marie Normand Burke  
Ben E. Clayton  
PRESENT Joshua P. Clayton  
Michelle Mayne Davis  
Michael E. Holoway  
PRESENT Andrew B. Joyner  
PRESENT Robert C. Lehman  
Charlton J. Meginley  
PRESENT Mitchell D. Monsour  
PRESENT Sean Michael Morrison  
Todd C. Taranto

**TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (5 seats) Parishes of Ascension, Assumption & St. James**

PRESENT Christopher J. Bridges  
PRESENT Lana O. Chaney  
PRESENT Tonya Blanchard Clark  
PRESENT Mark S. Riley  
PRESENT Lesia H. Warren

**TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (19 seats) Parish of Jefferson**

PRESENT Jason D. Asbill

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	Thomas M. Brahney
PRESENT	Thomas C. Cerullo
PRESENT	Meredith E. Chehardy
PRESENT	Sandra K. Cosby
	Craig Stephen Daste, Jr.
PRESENT	S. Guy deLaup
	Michael R. Delesdernier
PRESENT	Christen E. DeNicholas
	Jeremy D. Dwyer
	Edwin R. Fleischmann, Jr.
PRESENT	Paul C. Fleming, Jr.
PRESENT	Christy M. Howley
PRESENT	Robert A. Kutcher
PRESENT	Richard K. Leefe
PRESENT	Sowmya Mandava BY PROXY TO Joseph T. Tran
PRESENT	Roy A. Raspanti BY PROXY TO Rachal Cassagne
PRESENT	Tina L. Suggs
PRESENT	Colby F. Wenck

**TWENTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Plaquemine**  
S. Jacob Braud

**TWENTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (6 seats) Parishes of Bossier & Webster**

PRESENT	Ingrid J. James
	Ross E. Shacklette
PRESENT	Meredith Smith
	Gregory Trompe
	Aaron R. Wilson

**TWENTY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (4 seats) Parish of St. Landry**

	Delynsha Trevelle Brown
PRESENT	Scherri N. Guidry
PRESENT	Halli Kennerson
	Randy Wagley

**TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of LaSalle**

**TWENTY-NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parish of St. Charles**

PRESENT	Paula Adams Ates BY PROXY TO Travis Broussard
PRESENT	Don Paul Landry
PRESENT	Joseph B. Rochelle

**THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parish of Vernon**



**THIRTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Jefferson Davis**  
Richard M. Arceneaux

**THIRTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (5 seats) Parish of Terrebonne**  
PRESENT Alexis M. Connell  
Teresa D. King

**THIRTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Allen**  
Kevin P. Fontenot  
Michael B. Holmes

**THIRTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (5 seats) Parish of St. Bernard**  
Elizabeth Borne Kott  
PRESENT Tracy Helen Duplantier  
Cherish A. Kenner  
PRESENT Gregory J. Noto  
Paul A. Tabary III

**THIRTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Grant**  
Jared G. Price

**THIRTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Beauregard**  
F. Steve Landreneau  
PRESENT Kyle T. Townsley

**THIRTY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Caldwell**

**THIRTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Cameron**

**THIRTY-NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Red River**

**FORTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parish of St. John the Baptist**  
PRESENT Toni Sutton Becnel  
Alicia I. McDowell  
William D. O'Regan III

**FORTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (32 seats) Parish of Orleans**  
PRESENT Glenn B. Adams  
Francis J. Barry, Jr.  
PRESENT Ashley L. Belleau  
PRESENT Evan J. Bergeron  
Joe McCaleb Bilbro  
PRESENT Nicole T. Bowyer  
PRESENT Thomas A. Casey, Jr.

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	Thomas L. Colletta, Jr.
PRESENT	Michael J. Ecuyer
PRESENT	Micah J. Fincher
PRESENT	Thomas M. Flanagan
PRESENT	William R. Forrester
PRESENT	Amber B. Garcia
PRESENT	Nichole M. Gray BY PROXY TO Kristen D. Amond
	Andrew Gregorian
PRESENT	Barry H. Grodsky
PRESENT	James C. Gulotta, Jr.
PRESENT	Jessica L. Ibert
	Philip K. Jones, Jr.
PRESENT	Mark D. Latham BY PROXY TO Matthew D. Simone
PRESENT	Philip D. Lorio IV
PRESENT	Walter F. Metzinger
PRESENT	Chadwick J. Mollere
	John Reed Poole, Jr.
PRESENT	Christopher K. Ralston
PRESENT	Louis Gravois Schott
PRESENT	Timothy H. Scott
PRESENT	Karen B. Sher BY PROXY TO Richard P. Lemmler, Jr.
PRESENT	Ronald J. Sholes, Jr.
	Bradley J. Tate
	Edward D. Wegmann

**FORTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of DeSoto**

PRESENT	Mekisha Smith Creal
PRESENT	Adrienne Danielle White

**SECTION CHAIRS**

	Alyson V. Antoon, Animal Law
PRESENT	Paula Adams Ates, Civil Law Litigation
PRESENT	Lindsay J. Blouin, Solo Small Firm
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	Lindsay J. Calhoun, Criminal Law
PRESENT	Christopher Caplinger, Trust Estate Probate & Immovable Property
PRESENT	Katherine Z. Crouch, IP Section
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	Nathalie R. Dickson, Immigration Law
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Edward T. Hayes, International Law  
Steven J. Herman, Class Action Mass Tort  
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Warren A. Perrin, Francophone  
Alex P. Prochaska, Environmental Law  
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John W. Redmann, Bench Bar  
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Elizabeth Meneray  
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Richard C. Stanley, Appellate  
Carrie Tournillion, Public Utility  
PRESENT J. Christopher Zainey, Jr., Insurance Tort W.C.