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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Monday, April 27, 2020

Via Zoom

*** MINUTES ***

President Robert A. Kutcher called the videoconference to order at 9 a.m., Monday, April 27, to consider the recommendations of the Legislation Committee.

Roll Call

Ms. Larsen called roll and advised that the following members, who constituted a quorum, were present:

President, Robert A. Kutcher
President-Elect, Alainna R. Mire
Immediate Past President, Barry H. Grodsky
Treasurer, Shayna L. Sonnier
Secretary, Patrick A. Talley, Jr.
Young Lawyers Division Chair, Scott L. Sternberg
First Board District Representative, Darryl J. Foster
First Board District Representative, Larry J. Centola
Second Board District Representative, Stephen I. Dwyer
Third Board District Representative, Shannon Seiler Dartez
Fourth Board District Representative, Todd S. Clemons
Fifth Board District Representative, Valerie T. Schexnayder
Fifth Board District Representative, Kelly M. Rabalais
Sixth Board District Representative, Edward L. Tarpley, Jr.
Seventh Board District Representative, Paul L. Hurd
At-Large Member, Monique Y. Metoyer
At-Large Member, Lynn Luker
At-Large Member, Tina L. Suggs
From the Faculty of Loyola University College of Law, Monica Hof Wallace
From the Faculty of Southern University Law Center, Donald W. North
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Chair, Shayna Beevers Morvant
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, Jeffrey A. Riggs
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, Ann S. Siddall

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Also present were:

President-Elect Designee, H. Minor Pipes III
Treasurer-Elect, John E. McAuliffe, Jr.
Legislation Committee Chair, Keenan K. Kelly
LSBA Lobbyist, Larry L. Murray
Executive Director, Loretta Larsen, CAE
Associate Executive Director, Cheri Cotogno Grodsky
Ethics Counsel, Richard P. Lemmler, Jr.
Executive Assistant, Jennifer H. France

Louisiana State Law Institute Representative Zelda W. Tucker did not participate.

The Board reviewed the Legislation Committee's recommendations

Upon motion and second, the Board voted UNANIMOUSLY to move to NO POSITION the Legislation Committee's recommendation to OPPOSE the following bills:

- HB 466
- HB 544
- HB 727
- HB 826
- HB 856
- SB 172
- SB 261
- SB 489
- SB 491
- SB 508

Upon motion and second, the Board voted to move to NO POSITION AND MONITOR the Legislation Committee's recommendation to OPPOSE HB 266, with Ms. Sonnier and Ms. Dartez dissenting.

Upon motion and second, the Board voted to approve the Legislation Committee's recommendations to SUPPORT the following bills:

- HB 106, with Messrs. Sternberg, Hurd and Tarpley dissenting;
- HB 238, with Messrs. Sternberg, Hurd and Tarpley dissenting;
- SB 13, with Messrs. Foster, Hurd and Tarpley dissenting;
- SB 49, with Messrs. Sternberg, Hurd and Tarpley dissenting;
- SB 77, with Messrs. Sternberg, Hurd and Tarpley dissenting;

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- SB 219, with Messrs. Foster, Hurd and Tarpley dissenting.
- SB 328, with Messrs. Sternberg, Hurd and Tarpley dissenting;

Upon motion and second the Board voted UNANIMOUSLY to approve the Legislation Committee's recommendations to SUPPORT the following bills.

- HB 759
- HB 820
- HCR 23, only if amended to extend the suspension 60 days after final adjournment of the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature or 60 days after the expiration of the State's Declaration of a Public Health Emergency, whichever occurs later;
- HCR 25, only if amended to extend the suspension 60 days after final adjournment of the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature or 60 days after the expiration of the State's Declaration of a Public Health Emergency, whichever occurs later;
- SB 511, only if amended to extend the suspension 60 days after final adjournment of the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature or 60 days after the expiration of the State's Declaration of a Public Health Emergency, whichever occurs later; and
- SCR 20

Upon motion and second, the Board voted to approve the Legislation Committee's recommendation to SUPPORT HB 274 IF AMENDED to include a member appointed by and from the LSBA and to provide for additional/alternative, less-expensive methods/technology for remote notarization, with Mr. Hurd dissenting.

Upon motion and second, the Board voted UNANIMOUSLY to approve the Legislation Committee's recommendations to OPPOSE the following bills:

- HB 9
- HB 148
- HB 214
- HB 258
- HB 287
- HB 341
- HB 348
- HB 363
- HB 380
- HB 505
- HB 509
- HB 532
- HB 574

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- HB 628
- HB 692
- HB 787
- HB 827
- SB 46
- SB 94
- SB 97
- SB 98
- SB 148
- SB 242
- SB 266
- SB 315
- SB 347
- SB 408
- SB 418
- SB 419
- SB 439
- SB 449
- SB 454
- SB 464
- SB 471
- SB 482

Upon motion and second, the Board voted UNANIMOUSLY to approve the Legislation Committee's recommendation to OPPOSE HB 492 unless it is amended to remove the \$500,000 damage limitation.

Upon motion and second, the Board voted UNANIMOUSLY to approve the Legislation Committee's recommendations to OPPOSE the following bills, unless they are amended to specifically exclude the practice of law:

- HB 422
- HB 498
- HB 613
- HB 622

Upon motion and second, the Board voted UNANIMOUSLY to approve the Legislation Committee's recommendation to MONITOR:

- HB 730 to ensure that it is not amended to decrease the current jury trial threshold;

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- SB 247 to ensure that it is not amended to do something other than codify and preserve the existing collateral source rule; and
- SB 345 to ensure that it is not amended to include lawyers.

Upon motion and second, the Board voted to approve the Legislation Committee's recommendations to OPPOSE the following bills, with Mr. Sternberg abstaining:

- HB 90
- SB 88

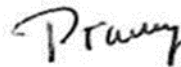
Upon motion and second, the Board voted to approve the Legislation Committee's recommendations to OPPOSE the following bills, with Mr. Hurd dissenting:

- HB 207
- HB 264
- HB 280
- HB 356
- SB 45
- SB 86

Mr. Kutcher thanked Mr. Kelly for his service as Chair of the Legislation Committee, and also thanked Mr. Murray, Mr. Lemmler, the Legislation Committee and the Board of Governors for their dedication.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Patrick A. Talley, Jr.
Secretary

**APPROVED BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MAY 20, 2020
VIA EMAIL**