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## **BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**11 a.m. ■ Friday, June 10, 2022**

**Miramar Beach, Florida**

### **\* MINUTES \***

President Stephen I. Dwyer called the meeting to order at 11:11 a.m. on Friday, June 10, 2022, in Miramar Beach, Florida. 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, Stephen I. Dwyer  
President-Elect, Shayna L. Sonnier  
Treasurer, Larry J. Centola  
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.  
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, Jeffrey A. Riggs  
From the Faculty of LSU Law Center, John M. Church  
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Chair, Keenan K. Kelly  
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, Sandra K. Cosby

Also present were:

Executive Director, Loretta Larsen, CAE  
Associate Executive Director, Cheri Cotogno Grodsky  
Access to Justice Director, Monte Mollere  
Communications Director, Kelly Wells Ponder

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Information Technology Director, Ashley Cambre  
Executive Assistant, Jennifer France

Absent were:

Second Board District Representative, Erin O. Braud  
At-Large Member, Blake R. David  
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 Member, D. Skylar Rosenbloom

**Agenda Item 2. Consent Calendar**

**a. Bank Resolutions**

Resolutions have been prepared covering all accounts of the Association. These require that all checks be signed by Treasurer Lawrence J. Centola or Assistant Treasurer Loretta Larsen and countersigned by one of the following persons: Stephen I. Dwyer, Shayna L. Sonnier, H. Minor Pipes III, C.A. "Hap" Martin III, Scott L. Sternberg, J. Christopher Zainey, Jr., and Erin O. Braud.

**b. Presidential Authority**

Under the Charter, the President, with the consent of the Board of Governors, may make committee appointments and create committees with acquiescence of Executive Committee and Board of Governors. The Board is requested to grant Mr. Dwyer the authority to make such appointments as required during his term of office and also to create such special committees and/or task forces he deems necessary and proper with acquiescence of Executive Committee and Board of Governors.

**c. Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education**

Periodic report from the LCLCE, as required by the April 2010 agreement.

Upon motion by Mr. Elliott and second by Mr. Pipes, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved without discussion or debate.

**Agenda Item 3. Implementation of the Strategic Plan – Stephen I. Dwyer**

Mr. Dwyer referred Board members to the strategic plan adopted by the 2018/2019 Board of Governors and the progress toward same.

**Agenda Item 4. House of Delegates – Stephen I. Dwyer**

Mr. Dwyer reviewed the action taken by the House of Delegates at its June 9, 2022 meeting. Upon motion by Mr. Joseph and second by Mr. Church, the Board voted to ratify the action of the House, with Mr. Riggs abstaining.

**Agenda Item 5. Board of Governors Statements Confirming LSBA Policies – Stephen I. Dwyer**

After review by Mr. Dwyer and upon motion by Ms. Sonnier and second by Mr. Elliott, the Board unanimously approved the Antitrust Avoidance, Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest policies, which were circulated for signature.

**Agenda Item 6. Budget – Larry J. Centola**

**a. JLAP Budget Request**

Mr. Centola reviewed the proposed JLAP budget for FY 2022/2023. After a brief discussion and upon motion by Mr. Pipes and second by Mr. Nadeau, the Board unanimously approved the budget.

**b. 2022/2023 Budget**

Mr. Centola reviewed the proposed budget as recommended by the Budget Committee, highlighting those items which he deemed most important, along with those items which reflected any significant changes from FY 2022/2023. He noted that the LSBA had been advised by Gilsbar that neither CNA nor Gilsbar would be able to make their \$10,000 donations this fiscal year so that income line item would need to be removed from the budget.

After a brief discussion and upon motion by Mr. Pipes and second by Mr. Nadeau, the Board voted unanimously to approve the budget with the above amendment.

**Agenda Item 7. Election Procedures 2022/2023 – Loretta Larsen**

Ms. Larsen reviewed the election procedures, noting that the following positions would be elected in the coming year:

- Board of Governors representatives from the First, Second, Third and Fifth Districts;
- House of Delegates representatives from the Twentieth through Forty-Second Judicial Districts;
- All 15 members of the Nominating Committee; and
- One delegate to the American Bar Association House of Delegates.

She noted that the elections would again be conducted online only, in accordance with procedures adopted a number of years ago.

Upon motion by Mr. Riggs and second by Mr. Street, the Board unanimously approved the election procedures.

**Agenda Item 8. Committee on Bar Admissions – Stephen I. Dwyer**

Mr. Dwyer asked the Board to consider the appointment of Adam P. Johnson as Examiner for the

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Criminal Law, Procedure and Evidence section of the Louisiana Bar Exam, to replace Todd S. Clemons. Upon motion by Mr. Joseph and second by Ms. Smith, the Board unanimously approved recommending the appointment to the Louisiana Supreme Court, with Mr. Johnson abstaining.

**Agenda Item 9. Report of the President – Stephen I. Dwyer**

**a. Leadership LSBA 2022/2023**

Mr. Dwyer reported that applications were being accepted until June 24 and encouraged Board members to nominate young lawyers for the class.

**b. Committee Appointments**

Mr. Dwyer reported that he would be meeting with staff in the near future to make committee appointments.

**c. 2022/2023 Board of Governors Meeting Calendar**

Mr. Dwyer noted the meeting schedule would be emailed asked Board members to mark their calendars for all meetings.

**d. 2023 Midyear Meeting – Thursday, January 19 through Saturday, January 21 at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel**

Mr. Dwyer announced the dates and location of the Midyear Meeting and asked Board members to mark their calendars and plan to attend.

**e. March 2023 Cruise Aboard AmaKristina on Rhone River**

Mr. Dwyer reported the CLE will be held March 23-30, 2023 and encouraged Board members to attend. He referred them to additional information in the materials.

**f. LSBA Staff**

Mr. Dwyer referred Board members to the LSBA Staff chart and descriptions and encouraged them to review these materials.

**Agenda Item 10. Report of the President-Elect – Shayna L. Sonnier**

**a. 2023 Annual Meeting/Joint Summer School with Louisiana Judicial College at Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort – Sunday, June 4 through Friday, June 9**

**b. 2023/2024 Board of Governors/YLD Council Orientation – Thursday, May 4 through Sunday, May 7**

Ms. Sonnier waived her report.

**Agenda Item 11. Report of the Treasurer – Larry J. Centola III**

Mr. Centola waived his report.

**Agenda Item 12. Report of the Secretary – C.A. “Hap” Martin III**

Mr. Martin waived his report.

**Agenda Item 13. Report of the Immediate Past President – H. Minor Pipes III**

Mr. Pipes expressed his gratitude for the support of the Board throughout his year of presidency.

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**Agenda Item 14. Report of the Young Lawyers Division Chair – Danielle L. Borel**  
Ms. Borel noted the Young Lawyers Division has been working hard.

**Agenda Item 15. Report of the Executive Director – Loretta Larsen**  
Ms. Larsen waived her report.

**Agenda Item 16. Report of the Associate Executive Director – Cheri Cotogno Grodsky**  
Ms. Grodsky referred members to her written report.

**Agenda Item 17. Staff Reports**  
Mr. Dwyer referred members to the report from the Member Outreach and Diversity Department.

**Agenda Item 18. Litigation Update**  
Upon motion and second, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation. The Executive Session lasted roughly 12 minutes, after which time the Board voted unanimously to return to the regular meeting.

**Adjourn**  
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.A. Martin III", written over a horizontal line.

C.A. (Hap) Martin III  
Secretary

**APPROVED BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
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