District of Columbia Bar
Board of Governors Meeting
July 13, 2021

Call to Order
(Agenda Item 1)

President Chad T. Sarchio called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone via Zoom teleconference. Each Board member introduced themselves briefly.

Other members of the Board of Governors in attendance were President-Elect Ellen M. Jakovic, Secretary Roger Lu Phillips, Treasurer Andrea Mangones, Immediate Past President Geoffrey M. Klineberg, Jessica E. Adler, Brian K. Flowers, Elizabeth (Sally) Gere, Theodore A. Howard, Su Sie Ju, Natalie M. Koss, June B. Kress, Megan Lacchini, Paul S. Lee, Lisa A. Lipsky, Fatema K. Merchant, Peggy Lansbach O'More, Ramya Ravindran, and Diane Seltzer Torre.

Board members Catherine D. Bertram, Janene D. Jackson, Amy E. Nelson and Courtney L. Weiner did not attend the meeting.

D.C. Bar staff who attended the meeting included Chief Executive Officer Robert J. Spagnoletti, D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Executive Director Rebecca K. Troth, Matthew S. Butler, Jessica Carlson, David Chu, Dennis Cuevas, Latanya Hunter, Kathleen Lewis, Raymond P. List, Margarita Lorenzetti, Lisa Martin-Morina, Erum Z. Mirza, Maurice Morrow, Delonte Rogers, Karen Savransky, Candace Smith-Tucker, Darrin P. Sobin, Suzanne Takeuchi, and Crystal White.

Others in attendance included D.C. Court of Appeals Chief Judge Anna Blackburne-Rigsby and D.C. Superior Court Chief Judge Anita Josey-Herring.

Remarks and Swearing-in of the Board of Governors by the Chief Judge of the D.C. Court of Appeals
(Agenda Item 3)

D.C. Court of Appeals Chief Judge Anna Blackburne-Rigsby gave welcoming remarks and swore in the members of the Board.

Remarks by the Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia
(Agenda Item 4)

D.C. Superior Court Chief Judge Anita Josey-Herring also welcomed the Board and provided an update on operations at the Superior Court.

President's Report
(Agenda Item 5)

President Sarchio provided highlights of his remarks at the Celebration of Leadership on June 24, 2021, and provided a preview of the upcoming report from the Regulations/Rules/Board Procedures Committee.

Consent Agenda
(Agenda Item 6)

President Sarchio presented the Consent Agenda to the Board, which included the minutes of the June 8, 2021, meeting, appointments to the Audit, Budget, Executive, Finance, Pension, and Screening Committees, and updates to the Communities Policies and Procedures. The appointment to the D.C. Judicial Nomination Commission was removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

See Tabs 6A, 6B, and 6D.

Appointment to the D.C. Judicial Nomination Commission
(Agenda Item 6C)

President Sarchio recommended Vince H. Cohen Jr. be appointed to the D.C. Judicial Nominations Commission (JNC) to serve the remainder of Professor Deborah L. Epstein's term. The Board approved the appointment of Mr. Cohen to the JNC.

See Tab 6C.

Treasurer's Report
(Agenda Item 7)

Treasurer Mangones presented her Report.

See Tab 7.

CEO's Report
(Agenda Item 8)

CEO Spagnoletti provided an update on the "Return to 901 Project" which included a staff survey and a plan for a phased transition to in-person work at the D.C. Bar headquarters. Phase 1 (October 4 through February 2022) will include hybrid staff operations with primarily remote programming.

Chief Programs Officer Darrin P. Sobin presented a report on the Celebration of Leadership held virtually on June 24, 2021.

See Tab 8.

Extension of Proposal to Suspend Article III, Section 2 of the D.C. Bar By-laws to Postpone date of Administrative Suspension for Financial Hardship due to COVID-19 Pandemic (Agenda Item 9)

General Counsel Erum Z. Mirza presented a proposal to extend the suspension of Article III, Section 2 of the D.C. Bar By-laws to postpone the date of administrative suspension for financial hardship due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Board approved the extension.

See Tab 9.

Adjournment
(Agenda Item 11)

There being no further business, President Sarchio adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger Lu Phillips
Secretary