District of Columbia Bar
Board of Governors Meeting
June 10, 2024

Call to Order
(Agenda Item 1)

President Charles R. Lowery, Jr. called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone attending in person and via Zoom teleconference.

The following members of the Board of Governors ("Board") were in attendance: President-Elect Shaun M. Snyder, Treasurer Alicia M. Long, Treasurer-Elect Mark A. Salzberg (remote), Immediate Past President Ellen M. Jakovic, Lukman S. Azeez (remote), Karen A. Newton Cole, Patrick C. English, Brian K. Flowers, Elizabeth "Sally" Gere, Natalie M. Koss, June B. Kress, Andrea Mangones (remote), Fatema K. Merchant, Steven R. Miller, Peggy Lansbach O'More, Roger Lu Phillips, Ramya Ravindran, Diane A. Seltzer, and Courtney L. Weiner.

Board members Rebecca F. Cady, Janene D. Jackson, and Lisa A. Lipsky were not in attendance.

D.C. Bar Chief Executive Officer Robert J. Spagnoletti and D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Executive Director Kelli Neptune attended the meeting along with the following D.C. Bar staff: Chief Operating Officer Matthew Butler, Chief Information Officer Caterina Luppi, General Counsel Erum Mirza, Chief Programs Officer Darrin Sobin, David Chu (remote), Dennis Cuevas, Akil Ellis, Carla Freudenburg, Kevin Goode (remote), Amy Hackett (remote), LaTanya Hunter (remote), Rhonda Jackson, Meredith Janssen (remote), Kathleen Lewis (remote), Raymond List (remote), Karen Lundy, Monica Page, Tim Ramlogan (remote), Querry Raobelina (remote), Pamela Robinson, Delonte Rogers, Crystal White, and Adriana Zick.

Other attendees included Governance Committee Chair Christopher A. Glaser (remote), Clients' Security Fund Chair Leah M. Nicholls (remote) and Vice Chair Carolyn P. Vinson

(remote), Incoming Board Members Leila Bham, Gaffar Choudhury, Shirley Diaz (remote), Joshua Mogil (remote), Sadina Montani, and Belinda Edwards Taylor, D.C. Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure Chair Hon. Colleen Kollar-Kotelly, Commissioner Amy Bess, Special Counsel Amy Conway-Hatcher, Executive Director Cheryl Bozarth, and Administrative Officer Tamekia McMahon (remote).

President's Report
(Agenda Item 2)

President Lowery shared updates on the Pro Bono Center's Advice & Referral Clinic Board Day, D.C. Bar Judicial Luncheon, D.C. Lawyers Have Heart run/walk, and DMV Board Presidents' panel. President Lowery recognized Immediate Past President Ellen Jakovic as the Women's Bar Association Lawyer of the Year and Janene Jackson as the recipient of the Council for Court Excellence's Justice Potter Stewart Award.

Consent Agenda
(Agenda Item 3)

President Lowery presented the Consent Agenda to the Board which included draft minutes of the April 16, 2024 Board meeting.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

See Tab 3.

Treasurer's Report
(Agenda Item 4)

Alicia Long presented the Treasurer's report.

See Tab 4.

CEO's Report
(Agenda Item 5)

CEO Spagnoletti reported that license renewals began May 1 and were proceeding smoothly. The Bar achieved its FY 2023-24 goals for launching the Early Career Lawyers Community, hosting the Tax Conference, developing the Lawyer Referral Service, managing the Bar's finances and achieving a clean audit, and promoting the 2023-24 *CLE Abroad* programs offered in Scotland and Portugal.

See Tab 5.

Report of the D.C. Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure
(Agenda Item 6)

Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly, Commissioner Amy Bess, Special Counsel Amy Conway-Hatcher, and Executive Director Cheryl Bozarth provided an overview of the work of the Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure ("CJDT") including the judicial complaint and reappointment process.

Report of the Governance Committee
(Agenda Item 7)

Governance Committee Chair Christopher Glaser presented recommendations concerning several Board policies and procedures, including the repeal of the D.C. Bar Board of Governors' Governance Policy and D.C. Bar Meeting Policies, and adoption of the D.C. Bar Board of Governors' Policies and Procedures. The Board of Governors Executive Committee supported the Governance Committee's recommendations.

The Board approved the recommendations.

See Tab 7.

Report of the Clients' Security Fund
(Agenda Item 8)

Leah Nicholls, a trustee of the Clients' Security Fund, presented a proposal to amend Rule I.G of the Clients' Security Fund Rules of Procedure. The amendment would modify the definition of "dishonest conduct" to include failure to return an unearned advance legal fee, and clarify that if the lawyer fails to hold client funds in a trust account, their death or incapacity during representation may result in conversion.

The Board approved the proposed changes.

See Tab 8.

Year-End Summary Report on the Implementation of 2020-25 Strategic Plan
(Agenda Item 9)

CEO Spagnoletti reported on the successful completion of projects in support of the strategic plan and noted that the DEIA Task Force Report is expected to be completed by fall 2024 and revisions to the Pro Bono Center Bylaws are in process.

See Tab 9.

Executive Session
(Agenda Item 10)

The Board met in Executive Session.

Adjournment
(Agenda Item 11)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Lu Phillips
Secretary