District of Columbia Bar
Board of Governors Meeting
December 12, 2023

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 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 (remote), Andrea Mangones, Steven R. Miller, Roger Lu Phillips, Ramya Ravindran (remote), Diane A. Seltzer, and Courtney L. Weiner (remote).

Board members Rebecca F. Cady, Janene D. Jackson, Lisa A. Lipsky, Fatema K. Merchant, and Peggy Lansbach O' More 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 Operations Officer Matthew Butler, David Chu (remote), Dennis Cuevas, Akil Ellis, Carla Freudenburg, Kevin Goode (remote), Amy Hackett (remote), LaTanya Hunter (remote), Rhonda Jackson, Meredith Janssen (remote), Chief Financial Officer Margarita Lorenzetti, Chief Information Officer Caterina Luppi, Javier Mascorro (remote), General Counsel Erum Mirza, Monica Page, Tim Ramlogan (remote), Pamela Robinson, Delonte Rogers, Chief Programs Officer Darrin Sobin (remote), Hope Todd, Crystal White, and Adriana Zick (remote).

Other attendees included Legal Ethics Committee Chair Elaine L. Block, Communities Committee Chair Sharie A. Brown (remote), D.C. Judicial Nomination Commission Chair Marie C. Johns, Executive Director Tracy Nutall, and Commissioner Yaida Ford (remote).

Report of the D.C. Judicial Nomination Commission
(Agenda Item 6)

Members of the D.C. Judicial Nomination Commission Tracy Nutall, Executive Director, Marie Johns, Chair, and Yaida Ford, Commissioner presented an overview of the Commission's role in selecting, evaluating, and recommending judicial candidates for vacancies on the D.C. Superior Court and the D.C. Court of Appeals. Ms. Nuttall and Ms. Johns emphasized that the D.C. Bar has an important role in the judicial nomination process to help create the strongest pool of judicial applicants for both courts.

Annual Report of the Legal Ethics Committee
(Agenda Item 7)

Elaine Block, Chair of the D.C. Bar Legal Ethics Committee, along with Hope Todd, the Assistant Director, Legal Ethics Regulation Counsel, reported on the two legal ethics opinions issued by the Legal Ethics Committee in FY 2023 (LEO 385 - *Advising Clients About Communications with Represented Opponents*, LEO 386 - *Aggregate Settlements*) and noted that there are two other opinions in development regarding Duties of Outside Counsel and Artificial Intelligence.

See Tab 7.

Communities Committee Annual Report
(Agenda Item 8)

Sharie Brown, Chair of the D.C. Bar Communities Committee, reported that Communities has been supporting more programming and networking opportunities in person, online, and by

podcast. The 2023 D.C. Youth Law Fair and the Moot Court Competition were successful. Member engagement overall has increased significantly as a result of the new membership model, the new Early Career Lawyers Community, and communications with steering committee leaders to identify areas in need of support.

See Tab 8.

Treasurer's Report
(Agenda Item 4)

Treasurer Alicia Long presented her report.

See Tab 4.

CEO's Report
(Agenda Item 5)

CEO Spagnoletti presented the CEO's report highlighting: (a) the D.C Bar's Annual Holiday Party, (b) projects undertaken this year to support the strategic priorities of the Board of Governors, and (c) the status of the Lawyer Referral and Information Service project.

See Tab 5.

Consent Agenda
(Agenda Item 3)

President Lowery presented the Consent Agenda to the Board which included draft minutes of the October 31, 2023 meeting, proposed revisions to Communities Policies and Procedures, and appointments to the Nominations Committee.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda except for the appointments to the Nominations Committee which it moved to the Executive Session for further discussion.

See Tab 3.

Appointment of D.C. Bar Delegate to the ABA
(Agenda Item 9)

General Counsel Erum Mirza, reported on the resignation of the D.C. Bar Delegate to the ABA and recommended the appointment of Alejandro Guadarrama, the attorney who received the second highest number of votes for the position in the election, to fill the vacancy.

The Board approved the appointment of Alejandro Guadarrama as the D.C. Bar Delegate to the ABA.

See Tab 9.

Executive Session
(Agenda Item 10)

The Board met in Executive Session.

Adjournment
(Agenda Item 11)

There being no further business for the full Board of Governors, President Lowery adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Lu Phillips
Secretary