

**District of Columbia Bar  
Board of Governors Meeting  
April 13, 2021**

**Call to Order  
(Agenda Item 1)**

President Geoffrey M. Klineberg called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone via Zoom teleconference.

Other members of the Board of Governors in attendance were President-Elect Chad T. Sarchio, Secretary Diane A. Seltzer Torre, Treasurer Shaun M. Snyder, Jessica E. Adler, Catherine D. Bertram, A.J. S. Dhaliwal, Elizabeth (Sally) Gere, Susan M. Hoffman, Theodore A. Howard, Su Sie Ju, Natalie M. Koss, June B. Kress, Megan Lacchini, Paul S. Lee, Amy Nelson, Peggy Lansbach O'More, Ramya Ravindran, Bridget M. Rowan, Saleema Snow and Courtney L. Weiner.

Board members Janene D. Jackson and Lisa A. Lipsky 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, David Chu, Dennis Cuevas, Akil Ellis, Carla J. Freudenberg, Raymond P. List, Margarita Lorenzetti, Caterina Luppi, Lisa Martin-Morina, Erum Z. Mirza, Maurice Morrow, Delonte Rogers, Karen Savransky, Darrin P. Sobin, Erika Stillabower, Suzanne Takeuchi, Hope C. Todd, Crystal White, and Adriana Zick.

Others in attendance included D.C. Superior Court Chief Judge Anita Josey-Herring, Rules of Professional Conduct Review Committee members Stacy M. Ludwig (Chair) and German Gomez, and Committee on Nominations Chair John R. Jacob.

**President's Report  
(Agenda Item 2)**

President Klineberg reported on his meeting with D.C. Court of Appeals Chief Judge Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, at which they discussed the 2021 Judicial and Bar Conference; the work of the Bar on proposing modifications and updates to the Bylaws and to the D.C. Court of Appeals Rules Governing the Bar; and the upcoming bar exam.

President Klineberg announced that the 2021 William J. Brennan, Jr. Award is being given to David Reiser of Zuckerman Spaeder LLP. The Beatrice Rosenberg Award for Excellence in Government Service is being given to Mary Catherine Malin of the U.S. Department of State's Office of the Legal Adviser, and to George Valentine of the D.C. Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel (posthumously).

**Consent Agenda  
(Agenda Item 3)**

President Klineberg presented the Consent Agenda to the Board, which included the minutes of the March 9, 2021, meeting and of the March 23, 2021, special meeting; and the Annual Renewal of 2017 Resolutions on Authority to Make Public Statements on Behalf of Court Funding, Court Vacancies, and Access to Justice. The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

*See Tab 3.*

**Treasurer's Report  
(Agenda Item 4)**

Treasurer Snyder presented his Report.

*See Tab 4.*

**CEO's Report  
(Agenda Item 5)**

CEO Spagnoletti confirmed that the D.C. Bar continues to operate on a fully remote basis. Employees will not return to work in-person before September 7, 2021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Bar is gathering information and best practices for the return to the building.

CEO Spagnoletti reported that the Board voted on March 17, 2021, by written consent in lieu of a meeting, to grant a waiver from a Bylaws requirement to complete the Mandatory Course to a judge returning to active practice after a long tenure on the bench. Ultimately, the member did not avail himself of the waiver and completed the Mandatory Course.

Chief Programs Officer Darrin P. Sobin reported on the upcoming 2021 Judicial and Bar Conference programming, registrations, and related matters.

*See Tab 5.*

**Report of the Rules of Professional Conduct Review Committee  
(Agenda Item 6)**

Rules of Professional Conduct Review Committee Chair Stacy M. Ludwig and Committee member German Gomez welcomed questions and comments about the proposed amendments to Rule 8.4 of the D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct, that had been presented at the March 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

The Board voted to adopt the recommendation of the Rules of Professional Conduct Review Committee to amend Rule 8.4 as presented in Appendix D of the Committee's report.

*See Tab 6.*

**Quarterly Report on the Implementation of 2020-25 Strategic Plan  
(Agenda Item 7)**

Director of Business Strategy Raymond P. List reported on the ongoing implementation of the 2020-25 Strategic Plan and on the Bar's progress on various Strategic Priorities.

*See Tab 7.*

**Budget Committee Final Report  
(Agenda Item 8)**

Budget Committee Chair Sarchio gave the Committee's final report, first presented at the March 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

The Board voted to accept the Budget Committee's report and to approve the FY 2021-22 Budget.

*See Tab 8.*

**Report of the Committee on Nominations  
(Agenda Item 9)**

Committee on Nominations Chair John R. Jacob reported on the slate of candidates for the 2021-22 Officers and Board of Governors and welcomed ideas for identifying and attracting candidates in future years.

*See Tab 9.*

**Adjournment  
(Agenda Item 10)**

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane A. Seltzer Torre  
Secretary