

**District of Columbia Bar  
Board of Governors Meeting  
November 12, 2019**

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

President Susan M. Hoffman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Other members of the Board of Governors who attended the meeting were President-Elect Geoffrey M. Klineberg, Immediate-Past President Esther H. Lim (phone), Treasurer Richard V. Rodriguez, Secretary Courtney L. Weiner, Jessica E. Adler, Elizabeth “Lisa” R. Dewey, Elizabeth “Sally” Gere, Theodore A. Howard, Janene Jackson, Su Sie Ju, June B. Kress, Megan Lacchini (phone), Paul S. Lee, Amy E. Nelson, Peggy Lansbach O’More, and Bridget Rowan.

Board members David W. Arrojo, Catherine D. Bertram, A.J. S. Dhaliwal, Saleema Snow, and Keiko K. Takagi did not attend the meeting.

D.C. Bar General Counsel Marlon Q. Paz also attended the meeting.

Staff who attended the meeting were Chief Executive Officer Robert J. Spagnoletti, D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Executive Director Rebecca K. Troth, Matthew S. Butler, Dennis Cuevas, Carla J. Freudenberg, Raymond List, Margarita Lorenzetti, Caterina Luppi, Lisa Martin-Morina, Maurice Morrow, Karen Savransky, Candace Smith-Tucker, Darrin P. Sobin, and Crystal White.

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

President Hoffman presented her report. She noted that the Board will be participating in the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center’s Advice & Referral Clinic in March and July 2020.

**Consent Agenda  
(Agenda Item 3)**

President Hoffman presented the Consent Agenda to the Board, which approved the minutes of the October 15, 2019, meeting. The Board also approved appointments as follows:

Communities Committee

- Caroline J. Rogus
- *Vice Chair:* Kimberly M. Eney

Executive Committee

- Catherine D. Bertram

Global Legal Practice Committee

- Thomas B. Mason
- *Chair:* Charles “Rick” Talisman
- *Vice Chair:* Amy L. Neuhardt

Trustees of the Clients’ Security Fund

- Leah M. Nicholls
- Elizabeth Quinn

Neighborhood Legal Services Program Board of Directors

- Trina Fairley Barlow
- Allison Binney
- Lyzka De La Cruz
- Paula Scott
- Cheryl Ziegler

By request of a Board member, the matter of a proposed appointment to the D.C. Judicial Nomination Commission was removed from the Consent Agenda. After discussion, President Hoffman postponed consideration of the proposed appointment and requested further consideration by the Screening Committee.

*See Tab 3.*

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

Treasurer Rodriguez presented his report.

*See Tab 4.*

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

CEO Spagnoletti presented his report, highlighting the status of the Bar's space, international delegation visits, the mandatory course update, and the website redesign. CEO Spagnoletti asked Board member Gere to provide an update on the planning of the 2020 Bar Conference.

*See Tab 5.*

**Report on the John Payton Leadership Academy  
(Agenda Item 6)**

John Payton Leadership Academy Chair Brigida Benitez provided her report. She described the history, goals, and revamped structure of the Leadership Academy and fielded questions from the Board. She noted the January 30, 2020, application deadline and requested assistance from the Board in publicizing the Leadership Academy to potential candidates.

**Annual Report of the Communities Committee  
(Agenda Item 7)**

Communities Committee Chair Alexander L. Reid provided the report of the Communities Committee. He and Director of Communities Candace Smith-Tucker fielded questions from the Board.

*See Tab 7.*

**Proposed Amendments to Article III, Section 1 of the D.C. Bar By-laws  
(Agenda Item 8)**

This item was postponed pending final review by the General Counsel.

*See* Tab 8.

**Approval of Procurement and Contracting Policy  
(Agenda Item 9)**

This item was postponed pending final review by the General Counsel.

*See* Tab 9.

**Executive Session  
(Agenda Item 10)**

The Board met in Executive Session.

**Adjournment  
(Agenda Item 11)**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney L. Weiner  
Secretary