

**District of Columbia Bar
Board of Governors Meeting
July 27, 2023**

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

President Charles R. Lowery, Jr. called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone attending 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, Immediate Past President Ellen M. Jakovic, Lukman S. Azeez, Rebecca F. Cady, Patrick C. English, Elizabeth “Sally” Gere, Janene D. Jackson, Natalie M. Koss, June B. Kress, Andrea Mangones, Steven R. Miller, Peggy Lansbach O’More, Roger Lu Phillips, Ramya Ravindran, Diane A. Seltzer, and Courtney L. Weiner.

Board members Karen A. Newton Cole, Brian K. Flowers, Lisa A. Lipsky, and Fatema K. Merchant did not attend.

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: Matthew Butler, Jessica Carlson, David Chu, Dennis Cuevas, Akil Ellis, Carla Freudenburg, LaTanya Hunter, Rhonda Jackson, Meredith Janssen, Ray List, Margarita Lorenzetti, Caterina Luppi, Erum Mirza, Monica Page, Delonte Rogers, Darrin Sobin, Crystal White, and Adriana Zick. Other attendees included Hon. Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, Chief Judge of the D.C. Court of Appeals, and Hon. Anita Josey-Herring, Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

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

Chief Judge Josey-Herring congratulated President Charles Lowery and highlighted the good working relationship between the Superior Court and the Bar. She thanked the Board for its support of the varied facets of the work of the Superior Court.

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

President Lowery presented his report and emphasized his focus on effectively communicating the value of the D.C. Bar Communities and other Bar resources. He also solicited input from Board members on what they want to accomplish this year.

**Remarks and Swearing-in of the Board of Governors
by Chief Judge of the D.C. Court of Appeals
(Agenda Item 5)**

Chief Judge Anna Blackburne-Rigsby congratulated President Lowery on assuming leadership of the Board and thanked Past-President Jakovic for her tremendous leadership. She also extended congratulations to CEO Spagnoletti for his continued stewardship over the Bar, President-Elect Snyder as he prepares for the presidency next year, and all Board members for their ongoing commitment. The Chief Judge gave updates on the D.C. Court of Appeals operations and expressed that she is looking forward to collaborating with the Bar this year. The Chief Judge administered the oath of office to all Board members.

**CEO's Report
(Agenda Item 3)**

CEO Spagnoletti presented his report, which included an update on the status of D.C. Bar license renewals. He shared that the Finance department is now a division of the Bar led by CFO Margaritta Lorenzetti, planning continues for the Lawyer Referral Service, and D.C. Bar Programs staff Dan Mills, Kaitline McGee, and Pamela Robinson will be recognized by the ABA at the National Association of Bar Executives meeting in Denver.

See Tab 3.

**Consent Agenda
(Agenda Item 6)**

President Lowery presented the Consent Agenda to the Board, which included the draft minutes of the June 13, 2023 Board meeting; draft minutes of the June 23, 2022 and June 22, 2023 D.C. Bar annual business meetings; and appointments to the Audit, Budget, Executive, Investment, and Screening Committees.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

See Tab 6.

**Proposed Revisions to the Budget Policy
(Agenda Item 7)**

CFO Lorenzetti presented her report and recommendation on the proposed revisions to the Budget Policy.

The Board approved the proposed revisions to the Budget Policy.

See Tab 7.

**Report on the Proposed Investment Committee Charter
(Agenda Item 8)**

General Counsel Mirza presented her report and recommendations on proposed revisions to the Investment Committee Charter. Due to questions raised during this discussion, the Board voted to take up the matter at the September Board meeting.

See Tab 8.

**Executive Session
(Agenda Item 9)**

The Board met in Executive Session.

**Adjournment
(Agenda Item 10)**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles R. Lowery, Jr." with a small flourish at the end.

Charles R. Lowery, Jr.
President, 2023-2024