

**District of Columbia Bar
Board of Governors Meeting
October 15, 2019**

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

President Susan M. Hoffman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She announced resignations from the Board of Governors and welcomed new board members Catherine Bertram and Janene Jackson.

Other members of the Board of Governors who attended the meeting were President-Elect Geoffrey M. Klineberg, Immediate-Past President Esther H. Lim, Treasurer Richard V. Rodriguez, Secretary Courtney L. Weiner, Jessica E. Adler, David W. Arrojo (phone), Catherine Bertram, Rodney J. Bosco (phone), Elizabeth “Lisa” R. Dewey (phone), A.J. S. Dhaliwal (phone), Elizabeth “Sally” Gere (phone), Theodore A. Howard, Janene J. Jackson (phone), Su Sie Ju, June B. Kress, Megan Lacchini (phone), Paul S. Lee, Amy E. Nelson, Bridget Rowan (phone), Saleema Snow, and Keiko K. Takagi.

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, Beverly Chin, Dennis Cuevas, Carla J. Freudenberg, Margarita Lorenzetti, Caterina Luppi, Lisa Martin-Morina, Maurice Morrow, Querry Raobelina, Karen Savransky, Candace Smith-Tucker, Darrin P. Sobin, and Crystal White.

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

President Hoffman presented her report. In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, President Hoffman invited Ashley Carter and [Sara Tennen](#) of the DC Volunteer Lawyers Project to present on the issue and a new clinic in D.C. Superior Court.

Consent Agenda (Agenda Item 3)

President Hoffman presented the Consent Agenda to the Board, which approved the minutes of the September 17, 2019, meeting. The Board also approved appointments to the Audit, Communities, Continuing Legal Education, Executive, Finance, Global Legal Practice, Judicial Evaluation, Lawyer Assistance, Leadership Development, Pension, Regulations/Rules/Board Procedures, and Strategic Planning Committees for the D.C. Bar. The appointments are as follows:

Audit

- Amy Nelson

Communities

- James Bubar
- Charles Lowery
- Matthew Perdoni
- Alexei Silverman
- *Chair:* Alexander Reid
- *Vice Chair:* Catherine Bertram

Continuing Legal Education

- Syed Ahmad (Incumbent)
- Mark Lansing
- Adriaen Morse (Incumbent)
- Mindy Rattan (Incumbent)
- *Chair:* Justin Dillon
- *Vice Chair:* Andrew Siff

Executive

- A.J. Dhaliwal

Finance

- Meghan Lacchini

Global Legal Practice

- Lawyers
 - Allison Lefrak
 - Amy Lynn Neuhardt (Incumbent)
 - Gary Shaw
 - Victoria Strohmeyer (Incumbent)
 - Kenneth West (Incumbent)

- Non-lawyer
 - Francis Dong, Ph.D.
- *Chair*: TBD
- *Vice Chair*: Charles “Rick” Talisman

Judicial Evaluation

- Jacob Lebowitz
- Paul Thaler (Incumbent)
- Stephanie Troyer (Incumbent)
- *Chair*: Christopher Glaser

Lawyer Assistance

- Tara Owens Antonipillai
- Paul Dueffert
- Andrea Ewart
- Stephen Juge (Incumbent)
- Anjali Patel
- Sarah Pheasant (Incumbent)
- Steven Polin (Incumbent)
- Bonnie Prober (Incumbent)
- *Chair*: Julie Mitchell Newlands
- *Vice Chair*: Tom Gilbertsen

Leadership Development

- Brigida Benitez (Incumbent)
- Matthew N. Drossos (Incumbent)
- Jonathan Kossak (Incumbent)
- Steve Pollak
- Brian Smith
- Christopher Zubowicz
- Brenda Zwack (Incumbent)
- *Chair*: Brigida Benitez
- *Vice Chair*: Timothy Webster

Pension

- Janene Jackson

Regulations/Rules/Board Procedures

- Marina Barannik
- Barbara Marvin (Incumbent)
- Mark Salzberg (Incumbent)
- *Chair*: Mark Salzberg

Strategic Planning

- Carmen Banerjee
- Catherine Bertram
- Judge Tanya Chutkan
- Erica Dominitz
- Hardeep Grover
- Dean Renee Hutchins
- Toni Jackson
- Geoffrey Klineberg
- Chinh Le
- Diane Seltzer Torre
- Ankur Shah
- Courtney Weiner
- *Chair:* Timothy Webster

Sitting as the Board of Directors of the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center, the Board approved appointments to the Pro Bono Committee, as follows:

Pro Bono

- Mary Blatch
- Elizabeth Dewey (Incumbent)
- Erica Dominitz (Incumbent)
- Matthew Haws (Incumbent)
- Laura Klein (Incumbent)
- Brian Koosed
- Gary Thompson (Incumbent)
- Timothy Webster (Incumbent)
- *Chair:* Erica Dominitz
- *Vice Chair:* Matthew Haws

See Tab 3.

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item 4)

Treasurer Rodriguez presented his report. He and CEO Spagnoletti fielded questions from the Board.

See Tab 4.

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

CEO Spagnoletti presented his report and highlighted the Constitution in the Classroom program, the upcoming John Payton Leadership Academy, and LEED certification of the building. He also reported on the operational goals and objectives for the 2018-19 Bar year and fielded questions.

See Tab 5.

**Proposed Amendments to Article III, Section 1 of the D.C. Bar By-laws
(Agenda Item 6)**

This item was moved to Executive Session.

See Tab 6.

**Approval of Procurement and Contracting Policy
(Agenda Item 7)**

This item was postponed until the November 12, 2019, Board meeting.

**Executive Session
(Agenda Item 8)**

The Board met in Executive Session.

**Adjournment
(Agenda Item 9)**

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Courtney L. Weiner
Secretary