

**STATE BAR OF GEORGIA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, October 28, 2017/8:00 a.m.
Westin Jekyll Island/Jekyll Island, GA**

The 270th meeting of the Board of Governor of the State Bar of Georgia was held at the date and location shown above. Buck Rogers, President, presided.

Special Recognition

President Buck Rogers recognized the members of the judiciary, the Past Presidents of the State Bar, and other special guests in attendance.

Welcome New Board Members

President Buck Rogers recognized new Board of Governors member Shiriki Cavitt who is filling the unexpired term of Karlise Grier. Thereafter, he recognized Karlise Grier, the new Executive Director of the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, for her sixteen (16) years of service on the Board of Governors.

Roll Call

Secretary Dawn Jones circulated the roll for signature. The list of those in attendance is attached as Exhibit A.

Future Meetings Schedule

President Buck Rogers reviewed the Future Meetings Schedule.

Minutes of the 268th & 269th Meetings of the Board of Governors

The minutes of the Board of Governors meetings held June 9-10, 2017, at the Jekyll Island Convention Bureau at Jekyll Island, Georgia, were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Appointments to the Commission on Continuing Lawyer Competency (CCLC)

The Board of Governors, by unanimous voice vote, approved the reappointment of Aasia Mustakeem, and the appointment of Judge Shondeana Morris, to the CCLC for three-year terms (2018-2020).

Appointment to the Georgia Legal Services Board

The Board of Governors, by unanimous voice vote, approved the appointment of William H. (Bert) Gregory, II to the Georgia Legal Services Board of Trustees for a two-year term (2017-2019).

Advisory Committee on Legislation (ACL)/Legislative Proposals

Following a report by ACL Committee Immediate Past Chair Jonathan Pannell, the Board of Governors took the following action on proposed legislation:

Legislative Proposal

Germane to Purposes
of the Bar

Support on Merits
2/3 Majority

Georgia Appellate Practice and Educational Resource Center

1) Support for Continued Funding Request

Passed by unanimous voice vote

Passed by unanimous voice vote

Committee to Promote Inclusion in the Profession

1) Funding Request for Legal Representation for Victims of Domestic Violence

Passed by unanimous voice vote

Passed by unanimous voice vote

Fiduciary Law Section

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| 1) Proposed Amendments to the Uniform Power of Attorney Act | Passed by unanimous voice vote | Passed by unanimous voice vote |
| 2) Proposed Amendments to the Uniform Adult Guardianship & Conservatorship Proceedings Jurisdiction Act | Passed by unanimous voice vote | Passed by unanimous voice vote |
| 3) Proposed Amendments to the Revised Georgia Trust Code of 2010 | Passed by unanimous voice vote | Passed by unanimous voice vote |

Legislative Update

Christine Butcher Hayes and Rusty Sewell provided an update on the upcoming 2018 legislative session.

President's Remarks

President Buck Rogers reported that ICLE's move to the Bar Center is complete. We are working with the UGA Law Alumni Association on the sale of the ICLE Athens property. There has been some interest expressed on the property and he will report back any further developments. President Rogers also reported that the Executive Committee met on Thursday afternoon, October 27, for the purpose of reviewing and updating the Strategic Plan and more information on that will be presented to the Board of Governors at the Midyear Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Darrell Sutton reported on the Bar's finances. The Executive Committee received copies of the Consolidated (Operational and Bar Center) Preliminary Revenues and Expenditures Report as of June 30, 2017; Income Statement YTD for the Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2017; Bar Center Revenues and Expenditures Report for the Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2017; State Bar Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2017; Summary of Dues and Voluntary Contributions at July 31, 2017; and Legislative Fund and Cornerstones of Freedom Fund Activity Reports through June 30, 2017.

YLD Report

YLD President Nicole Leet reported on the activities of the YLD. This year's YLD Signature Service Project is a challenge to every young lawyer to pledge 50 hours of pro bono service in partnership with the Pro Bono Project's *Due Justice/Due 50* campaign. To date, the YLD has received 5,000 pledges, and those attorneys have been provided information on how to accomplish those hours in both traditional and non-traditional ways. She announced that members of the Texas YLS joined the YLD at its Summer Meeting in Austin, Texas, the weekend of August 3-6. YLD President Leet also reported that a reception for law students and recent graduates of the Public Interest Internship Program (PIIP) was held on October 5. Lastly, she encouraged the Board of Governors members to follow the YLD on Facebook to see the many projects being accomplished by the YLD committees, to submit articles for the *YLD Review*, and to attend the YLD meetings. Thereafter, she recognized the YLD members in attendance at the Board of Governors meeting.

Lawyers Assistance Program (LAP)

LAP Committee Chair Jeff Kuester reported that the LAP's *Lawyers Helping Lawyers* volunteer peer program is up and running. Currently, the peer volunteer database is available to lawyers to sign up as a volunteer to provide peer support to fellow lawyers needing support or advice. He encouraged all of the Board of Governors members to participate, and provided the link to the volunteer database and his contact information for anyone wanting more information on the program.

Members Benefits Committee – CloudLaw/Zeekbeek

Deputy General Counsel Bill NeSmith reported on the Zeekbeek/CloudLaw enhanced membership directory that the Bar is in the process of establishing. The enhanced directory will allow a public member to search for attorneys in their locale who practice in a particular area of the law. The contract is ready for the Executive Committee's review, and the Bar hopes to have the enhanced directory up and running in the Spring in conjunction with the Bar's website redesign.

Finance Committee

Committee Chair Nancy Whaley reported that the Finance Committee recommended changes to the Bylaws and Rules regarding new members' assessments. Specifically, the committee is recommending that the Clients' Security Fund and Bar Facility assessments not begin until a new member is in his or her second full year as a Bar member. The proposed changes were disseminated to the Board of Governors as information and will be an action item at the Midyear Meeting.

Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism

Executive Director Karlise Grier solicited nominations for the 19th Annual Justice Robert Benham Awards for Community Service and provided the Board of Governors with the nomination form. The awards will be presented at a special ceremony on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at the Bar Center.

SOLACE Committee

Committee Chair Karlise Grier announced that there will be an update on the committee's activities at the Midyear Meeting.

Executive Committee Minutes

The Board of Governors received copies of the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings held on May 19, July 14, and August 2, 2017.

Strategic Plan

The Board of Governors received a copy of the Goals and Objectives of the Strategic Plan.

Office of the General Counsel

The Board of Governors received a written Report of the Office of the General Counsel.

Military Legal Assistance Program

The Board of Governors received a written report on the Status of the Military Legal Assistance Program.

Consumer Assistance Program

The Board of Governors received a written report on the Consumer Assistance Program.

Law Practice Management Program

The Board of Governors received a written report on the Law Practice Management Program.

Communications Update

The Board of Governors received a copy of the 2017-18 Media Report.

Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism

The Board of Governors received a written report on the activities of the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism.

Old Business

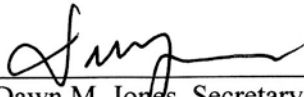
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New Business

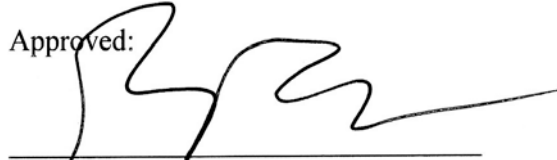
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Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.



Dawn M. Jones, Secretary

Approved: 

Buck Rogers, President