

**STATE BAR OF GEORGIA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, June 11, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
Wild Dunes Resort/Isle of Palms, South Carolina
Hybrid and available via Zoom**

The 287th meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia was held at the date and location shown above. President Dawn M. Jones presided.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board of Governors Member Shiriki Jones led the pledge of allegiance to those in attendance.

Invocation

Board of Governors Member Francys Johnson gave the invocation.

Special Recognition

President Dawn M. Jones recognized the members of the judiciary, the past presidents of the State Bar and other special guests in attendance.

Recognition of Retiring Executive Committee Members and Retiring Board Members

President Dawn M. Jones recognized the following retiring Executive Committee and Board of Governors members: Immediate Past President Darrell Lee Sutton; Immediate YLD Past President William Thomas Davis; Amy Howell, Executive Committee (remaining on the BOG); Larry Michael Johnson, Alapaha Circuit, Post 1; Sam G. Nicholson, Augusta Circuit, Post 1; James L. Roberts IV, Brunswick Circuit, Post 1; Gregory A. Futch, Flint Circuit, Post 1; Ira L. Foster, Member-at-Large, Post 1; Francys Johnson Jr., Member-at-Large, Post 2; Thomas Alexander Peterson IV, Middle Circuit, Post 2; Walter James Gordon Sr., Northern Circuit, Post 1; Philip Augustine, Out-of-State, Post 1; and Dennis C. Sanders, Toombs Circuit.

Roll Call

Secretary Tony DelCampo circulated the roll for signature for in-person attendees. Those attending virtually were marked present through a Zoom report. The list of those in attendance is attached as Exhibit A.

Future Meetings Schedule

President-elect Elizabeth L. Fite reviewed the Future Meetings Schedule.

Minutes of the 286th Meeting of the Board of Governors

The minutes of the Board of Governors meeting held March 20, 2021, via Zoom, were approved by unanimous voice and poll vote.

Inactive Sections

President Dawn M. Jones reported on the Individual Rights Law Section and Law and Economics Section. She reported that at this time last year, there were six sections that had not been active in many years. As a result, the Board of Governors reviewed the rules in January and approved a revision to the section rules regarding those sections who become inactive. Sections Director Mary Jo Sullivan contacted each inactive section multiple times. The two who did not respond and show interest in reviving the section were the Individual Rights Law and Law and Economics sections. All necessary steps to abolish the sections have been met, including notice to the last known section leadership and members by email

and notice posted on the Bar's website. Per Article IX Sections, Section 5. Abolition of Sections, the Board of Governors, by majority voice and poll vote, agreed to abolish the Individual Rights Law Section and the Law and Economics Section. If there are members who would like to reinstate either of these sections, per the rules, they will follow the same process as if they were establishing a new section.

Board of Governors Meeting adjourned, Members' Meeting called to order.

Members' Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Members' Meeting held during the Midyear Meeting on January 9, 2021, via Zoom, were approved by majority voice and poll vote.

Members' Meeting adjourned, Board of Governors Meeting called to order.

Awards and Presentations

The following State Bar awards and presentations were made:

Military Legal Assistance Program (MLAP)

MLAP Chair Jay Elmore presented the 2019 Marshall-Tuttle Award to Charles Shanor and the 2020 Marshall-Tuttle Award to Douglas G. Andrews.

Juvenile Law and Child Advocacy Awards

JP Berlon presented the 2021 Judge Willie Lovett Award for Advancing the Field of Juvenile Law to Hon. LeRoy Burke III, presiding judge of the Chatham County Juvenile Court, retired; and Ira Foster, general counsel/deputy director, Georgia Legal Services Program.

Chief Justice Harris Hines Award for Outstanding Advocacy for Children in Dependency Proceedings

Supreme Court Justice David Nahmias presented the award to Charles Williams, Rockdale County Division of Family and Children Services (case manager), and Afiya F. Hinkson, The Hinkson Firm, LLC (lawyer).

Chief Justice Thomas O. Marshall Professionalism Awards

Immediate Past President Darrell Sutton presented the 2020 Chief Justice Thomas O. Marshall Professionalism Awards to Hon. Toby Batson Prodggers, retired judge, State Court of Cobb County, Marietta (judge) and A. James Elliott, Dean, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta (lawyer). President Dawn M. Jones presented the 2021 Chief Justice Thomas O. Marshall Professionalism Awards to Hon. John D. Allen, Chattahoochee Circuit Superior Court (retired), Columbus (judge); and George W. "Buddy" Darden III, Pope McGlamry, Atlanta (lawyer).

Check Presentation to Georgia Legal Services (GLSP)

President Dawn M. Jones presented an \$827,270 check to Ira Foster, GLSP General Counsel, which represents contributions made by Bar members for the 2020 GLSP "And Justice for All" Campaign.

Recognition of Corporate Sponsor

President Dawn M. Jones recognized the Bar's Five-Gavel Corporate Sponsor, Member Benefits, Inc., and other section and company sponsors.

President Dawn M. Jones presented the following awards:

Local and Voluntary Bar Awards

2020 Thomas R. Burnside, Jr. Excellence in Bar Leadership Award: Rebecca Dally.

2021 Thomas R. Burnside, Jr. Excellence in Bar Leadership Award: Hon. Joy Lampley-Fortson.

2020 Award of Merit: Walton County Bar Association (Under 50 members), Gwinnett County Bar Association (101 to 250 members), Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys (251 to 500 members), Atlanta Bar Association (501 members or more).

2021 Award of Merit: Walton County Bar Association (51 to 100 members), Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys (251 to 500 members), Cobb County Bar Association (501 members or more).

2020 Law Day Award of Achievement: Walton County Bar Association (Under 50 members), Gwinnett County Bar Association (101 to 250 members).

2021 Law Day Award of Achievement: Walton County Bar Association (51 to 100 members), Houston County Bar Association (101 to 250 members).

2020 Best Newsletter Award: Gwinnett County Bar Association (101 to 250 members), Georgia Defense Lawyers Association (501 members or more).

2021 Best Newsletter Award: Gwinnett County Bar Association (101 to 250 members), Georgia Defense Lawyers Association (501 members or more).

2020 Best Website Award: Walton County Bar Association (Under 50 members), Gwinnett County Bar Association (101 to 250 members).

2021 Best Website Award: Walton County Bar Association (51 to 100 members), Gwinnett County Bar Association (101 to 250 members), Cobb County Bar Association (501 members or more).

2020 President's Cup Award: Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys.

2021 President's Cup Award: Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys.

President's Report

President Dawn M. Jones delivered the President's Address (Exhibit B).

State of the Supreme Court of Georgia

Hon. Harold Melton, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, delivered the State of the Supreme Court of Georgia address.

State of the Court of Appeals of Georgia

Hon. Christopher McFadden, chief judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia, delivered the State of the Court of Appeals of Georgia address.

Office of the Attorney General

Attorney General Chris Carr delivered the State of the Office of the Attorney General.

State of the Office of Governor

Executive Counsel David Dove delivered the State of the Office of Governor on behalf of Gov. Brian Kemp.

State of the Georgia House Judiciary Committee

Rep. Chuck Efrstration, chair of the House Judiciary Committee, reported on the activities of the House Judiciary Committee.

State of the Georgia Senate Special Judiciary Committee

Sen. Jennifer Jordan, chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, reported on the activities of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Memorials

President Dawn M. Jones presented the Memorials report.

Young Lawyers Division

Young Lawyers Division President Bert Hummel reported on the activities of the YLD. Hummel said that this was not the year that anyone envisioned, but he was proud of what the YLD was able to accomplish regardless of the circumstances. He said that the YLD had received the benefit of many leaders this year. The Poll Worker Program in conjunction with the Secretary of State's office was a huge success; they had hundreds of volunteers who served as poll workers and deputy registrars. Each Bar member who volunteered with their county's Board of Elections, completed poll worker training, worked at their local polling place on Election Day and donated their reimbursement check was eligible to receive six hours of CLE credit. The donated reimbursement checks benefited the YLD's Public Interest Internship Program, allowing the program to award four grants this year. Hummel also reported that the YLD's Women in the Profession Committee continued their wills program to provide estate planning for frontline workers in the fight against COVID-19, helping several hundred Georgians. The Georgia Legal Food Frenzy was a resounding success, raising more than \$934,000, setting a new record. The YLD also sponsored the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation's Saturday Lawyers Program, providing impactful results for several Georgians in their time of need. Hummel thanked the Board for their support during his year and wished Incoming YLD President Elissa Haynes luck as he turned over the YLD to her.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Executive Session

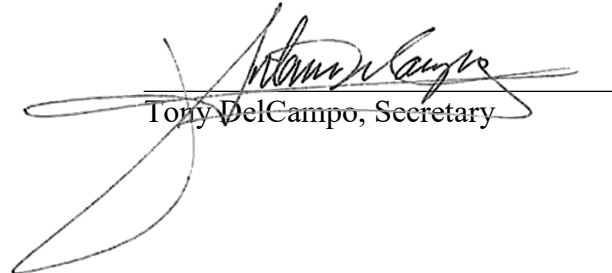
There was no executive session.

Remarks / Q&A / Comments / Suggestions

There were no remarks, Q&A, comments or suggestions.

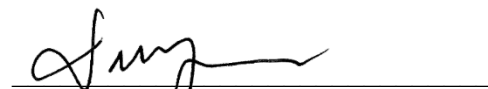
Adjournment

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.



Tony DelCampo, Secretary

Approved:



Dawn M. Jones, President