District of Columbia Bar
Board of Governors Meeting
March 12, 2024

Call to Order
(Agenda Item 1)

President Charles R. Lowery, Jr. called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone attending in person and via Zoom teleconference.

The following members of the Board of Governors were in attendance: President-Elect Shaun M. Snyder, Treasurer Alicia M. Long, Immediate Past President Ellen M. Jakovic, Lukman S. Azeez (remote), Karen A. Newton Cole, Patrick C. English, Brian K. Flowers, Elizabeth "Sally" Gere, Natalie M. Koss, June B. Kress, Andrea Mangones, Fatema K. Merchant (remote), Steven R. Miller, Peggy Lansbach O' More (remote), Ramya Ravindran, Diane A. Seltzer, and Courtney L. Weiner.

Board members Rebecca F. Cady, Janene D. Jackson, Lisa A. Lipsky, Roger Lu Phillips, and Treasurer-Elect Mark A. Salzberg were not in attendance.

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: Chief Operating Officer Matthew Butler (remote), Chief Financial Officer Margarita Lorenzetti, Chief Information Officer Caterina Luppi, General Counsel Erum Mirza, Chief Programs Officer Darrin Sobin, Shoushu Chen, Akil Ellis, Carla Freudenburg, Kevin Goode (remote), Amy Hackett (remote), LaTanya Hunter, Rhonda Jackson, Meredith Janssen (remote), Raymond List (remote), Karen Lundy (remote), Javier Mascorro (remote), John Murph, Monica Page, Tim Ramlogan (remote), Querry Raobelina (remote), Pamela Robinson, Delonte Rogers, Crystal White, and Adriana Zick.

Other attendees included Hon. Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, Chief Judge of the D.C. Court of Appeals, and Mary Smith, President of the American Bar Association.

President's Report
(Agenda Item 2)

President Lowery reported on the recent program featuring the five D.C. law school deans to explore ways to work together for the benefit of students and the legal community. He reminded Board members of the Youth Law Fair programs to be held on March 15th and 16th and encouraged Board members to join the D.C. Bar team for the May 18th Lawyers Have Heart run/walk.

Consent Agenda
(Agenda Item 3)

President Lowery presented the Consent Agenda to the Board which included draft minutes of the December 12, 2023 Board meeting.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

See Tab 3.

Treasurer's Report
(Agenda Item 4)

Treasurer Alicia Long presented her report.

See Tab 4.

CEO's Report
(Agenda Item 5)

CEO Spagnoletti presented his report with several updates and reminders, including the D.C. Bar Lawyer Referral Service which will be available for enrollment on May 1st, the upcoming National Association of Bar Executives conference and Bar Leadership Institute, the D.C. Bar staff appreciation event on March 4th which included honoring four employees who have worked at the

Bar for 35 years, and the March 26th application deadline for the John Payton Leadership Academy.

See Tab 5.

Mary Smith, President of the American Bar Association ("ABA")
(Agenda Item 6)

Mary Smith, ABA President, shared that the focus of her term will be on how to help young lawyers in shaping the future of the profession. Her remarks highlighted the ABA Task Force for AI and the Law, the ABA Task Force for American Democracy, and ABA Lobby Day on April 10th and 11th..

Chief Judge Anna Blackburne-Rigsby of the D.C. Court of Appeals remarked on a number of current issues including the need for continued focus on access to justice, the importance of DEI, and the Court's recent order which authorizes an AI rapid response team.

Budget Committee Report
(Agenda Item 8)

President-Elect Snyder, chair of the Budget Committee, presented the proposed FY 2024-2025 budget and the Committee's recommendation to adjust the capital budget for FY24.

The Board approved the Committee's recommendation to adjust the capital budget and will take up a vote on the proposed budget at the April meeting.

See Tab 8.

Report of the Audit Committee
(Agenda Item 7)

Fatema Merchant, chair of the Audit Committee reported that the consolidated audit for the D.C. Bar and Pro Bono Center for the period ending June 2023 resulted in a clean opinion from the auditors.

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,

Roger Lu Phillips
Secretary