

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF GOVERNORS SPECIAL MEETING

Public Session Minutes

Seattle, WA

April 18, 2019

The Special Meeting Public Session of the Board of Governors of the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) by phone was called to order by President Bill Pickett on Thursday, April 18, 2019, at 2:05 p.m., recessed at 2:11 p.m., and reconvened at 3:21 p.m. Governors in attendance were:

Dan W. Bridges
Carla Higginson
Russell Knight
Chris Meserve
Athan P. Papailiou
Kyle D. Sciuchetti
Alec Stephens
Paul Swegle
Judge Brian Tollefson (ret.)

Also in attendance were Interim Executive Director Terra Nevitt, General Counsel Julie Shankland, Chief Disciplinary Counsel Doug Ende, Chief Operations Officer Ann Holmes, Director of Human Resources Frances Dujon-Reynolds, and Chief Communications and Outreach Officer Sara Niegowski. Governor Knight was not present for the reconvened public session.

President Pickett welcomed everyone in attendance and stated that the purpose of the Special Meeting was to confirm the appointment of Interim Executive Director Terra Nevitt, meet with legal counsel in Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, and if needed, take action in public session related to matters discussed in executive session.

Several WSBA members participated by telephone, some identified themselves. President Pickett directed that the Minutes reflect the objection raised by Lincoln Beauregard that the Open Public Meetings Law does not require meeting participants to identify themselves.

APPOINTMENT OF TERRA NEVITT AS INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Carla Higginson moved to confirm the appointment of Terra Nevitt as Interim Executive Director. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT ON AND ACTION RELATED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Pickett reported that the Board discussed a pending litigation matter in Executive Session. Governor Stephens moved to authorize counsel to proceed as advised with the litigation. In response to concerns voiced about the motion's lack of transparency, Governor Stephens identified *Beauregard v. WSBA* as the litigation matter discussed, and stated that the Board cannot otherwise share litigation strategy. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Session meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Terra Nevitt

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WSBA Interim Executive Director & Secretary