

**BOG LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes**

*January 26, 2018*

**Members present:** Brad Furlong, Chris Meserve, Kim Risenmay, Dan Clark, Paul Swegle, Kyle Sciuchetti, Bill Pickett, Bill Hyslop, & Rajeev Majumdar.

**Staff present:** Sanjay Walvekar, Paula Littlewood, Kevin Bank, Sean Davis, Sara Niegowski, & Camille Still

**Guests present:** Kathleen Kline (Civil Rights Law), Fred Diamondstone (Civil Rights Law), and Katie Hurt (Elder Law).



**SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN**

Item Discussed	Bill Number	Vote	Comments
January 19, 2018 meeting minutes	N/A	Approve the Board of Governors Legislative Committee January 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes.	No objections, two abstentions.  Passed
Elimination of the death penalty.	SB 6052	SB 6052 meets G.R. 12.1.	Passed  Unanimous
Elimination of the death penalty.	SB 6052	Table the discussion of whether the Civil Rights Section can support the legislation, until after the Board of Governors have had the chance to discuss and vote on February 15, 2018.	Passed  7 ayes, 2 nays
Voting Rights Act	HB 1800, SB 5267, SB 6002	SB 1800, SB 5267, and SB 6002 meet G.R. 12.1.	Passed  5 ayes, 4 nays
Enacting the Washington voting rights act.	HB 1800, SB 5267, SB 6002	Table the discussion of whether the Civil Rights Section can support the legislation, until after the	Failed  2 ayes, 7 nays

		Board of Governors have had the chance to discuss and vote on February 15, 2018.	
Enacting the Washington voting rights act.	HB 1800, SB 5267, SB 6002	Authorize the Civil Rights Law Section to prepare a letter of support regarding HB 1800, SB 5257, and SB 6002 on behalf of the Civil Rights Section. Amended to include that the letter clearly state that the section's comments are solely those of the section, the comments are not the official comments of the WSBA, and the WSBA does not take a position on the legislation.	Passed 6 ayes, 2 nays

### Welcome

- WSBA Board of Governors Legislative Committee (BLC) Chair Chris Meserve began the January 26, 2018 meeting at 3:06 pm.

### Report on Executive Session

- **Conferred with Counsel on memos**

### **ACTION: Approve Meeting Minutes**

- Gov. Risenmay made a motion to approve the January 12, 2018 BLC meeting minutes; seconded by Gov. Swegle; Gov. Furlong and Gov. Hyslop abstained. The minutes were passed unanimously.

### **Update: Bar Request Bill (SB 6040)**

- WSBA Outreach & Legislative Affairs Manager Sanjay Walvekar led BLC members in an update on the Bar Request Bill SB 6040. The bill passed the Senate and is moving to the House.

### **Session Report**

- WSBA Outreach & Legislative Affairs Manager Sanjay Walvekar led BLC members in an update on the bills the Civil Rights Section would like to support through public comment.

**ACTION: SB 6052 and GR 12.1 Requirements**

- Gov. Meserve addressed the Civil Rights Law Section letter regarding HB 6052. BLC members and guests present engaged in a discussion regarding the letter.
- Pres. Furlong moved that SB 6052 fulfills GR12.1 requirements; seconded by Gov. Majumdar; passed with no objections.

**ACTION: Authorizing Letter on SB 6052**

- Pres. Furlong moved to table discussion of whether the Civil Rights Section can support the legislation until after the Board of Governors have had a chance to discuss and vote on February 15, 2018. Gov. Risenmay seconded the motion. The motion passed with seven ayes, and two nays.

**ACTION: HB 1800, SB 5267, SB 6002 and GR 12.1 Requirements**

- Gov. Majumdar moved that HB 1800, SB 5267, and SB 6002 fulfill GR12.1 requirements; seconded by Gov. Swegle; passed with five ayes, and four nays.

**ACTION: Authorizing Public Comment on HB 1800, SB 5267, SB 6002**

- Gov. Meserve addressed the Civil Rights Law Section memo regarding HB 1800, SB 5267, SB 6002. BLC members and guests present engaged in a discussion regarding the letter.
- President-Elect Pickett moved to table the discussion of whether the Civil Rights Section can support the legislation until after the Board of Governors have had the chance to discuss and vote on February 15, 2018. Gov. Risenmay seconded the motion. The motion failed with two ayes, and seven nays.
- Gov. Clark moved to authorize the Civil Rights law Section to prepare a letter of support regarding HB 1800, SB 5257, and SB 6001 on behalf of the Civil Rights Section with a disclaimer that the section's comments are solely those of the section, the comments are not the official comments of the WSBA, and the WSBA does not take a position on the legislation. The motion passed with six ayes and two nay votes.

**Meeting adjourned by Gov. Meserve at 5:04 PM on Friday, January 26, 2018.**