

Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2021

Members Present: Chair Michael Cherry, Jeremy Burke, Michele Carney, Pearl Gipson-Collier, Dr. David Sattler, Prof. Drew Simshaw, Gary Swearingen, Mir Tariq, and Michael Terasaki.

Members Excused: Brooks Goode, Joseph Williams, and Governor Sunitha Anjilvel (BOG Liaison).

Also Attending: Thea Jennings (WSBA Licensed Legal Intern), Sarah Bove, Lesli Ashley, and Dr. June Darling.

PUBLIC SESSION

Chair Michael Cherry called the meeting to order once a quorum was established at 11:05 a.m.

1. Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the August 19, 2021, meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Updates

a. Equity and Disparity Workgroup

No update.

b. Operations

i. Recruitment and Onboarding

Present at the meeting were the three nominated members of the Board: Sarah Bove, Lesli Ashley, and Dr. June Darling. Chair Cherry welcomed them, noting that their three applications would soon be sent to the Court for appointment by the Court. Chair Cherry noted that he would reach out to each of them individually soon for onboarding.

ii. Subcommittee Selections

Chair Cherry noted that the meeting materials included a memo to the Board detailing the creation of four Board subcommittees: the Legal Checkup Subcommittee, the Legal Regulatory Laboratory Subcommittee, the Diversity Subcommittee, and the Unauthorized Practice of Law Subcommittee. The purpose of identifying and populating subcommittees is to ensure that the projects of the Board progress between meetings. Chair Cherry asked that all members select at least one subcommittee to participate in and to notify Kyla Jones of their selections. The deadline for selection is September 30, 2021.

iii. New Staff Liaison

Chair Cherry noted that Thea Jennings would now serve as WSBA staff liaison to the Board in place of General Counsel Julie Shankland.



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iv. FY 2022 Schedule

The Board discussed its Fiscal Year 2022 schedule and the best days of the week for a standing meeting. Generally, the Board agreed that Friday was the best day of the week for a standing meeting given everyone's respective schedules. Chair Cherry will request that Ms. Jones prepare a poll for determining the best time on Fridays for the meeting.

Chair Cherry also noted that he would like to schedule an in-person meeting of the Board when it is feasible sometime in FY 2022.

c. Public Education

i. Legal Check Up

Chair Cherry reported on the outstanding contract for the Legal Check-up project, and he is working with WSBA staff to review and revise the contract.

ii. Frequently Asked Questions on UPL

Chair Cherry reported that WSBA staff are working to prepare a frequently asked questions (FAQ) document on the unauthorized practice of law to post to the WSBA website. The FAQ will help with public education and is intended to reduce the number of complaints that the Board is unable to address. Once the FAQ is complete, it will be shared with the Board.

d. Legal Regulatory Laboratory

i. Report

Chair Cherry noted that he has been consulting with staff at the Administrative Office of the Courts regarding potential homes for the Laboratory. He further has consulted with an expert in legal ethics on issues related to creation of the Laboratory. Chair Cherry intends to revise the proposal to reflect where the Laboratory should be housed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered into Executive Session

The Board exited Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.