

Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2020

Members Present: Interim Chair Doug Walsh, Michele Carney, Michael Cherry, Prof. George Critchlow, Brooks Goode, Prof. Drew Simshaw, Gary Swearingen, Mir Tariq, and Jen Unger.

Members Excused: Trena Berton, Sonya Kraski, Joseph Williams, Julie Shankland (WSBA General Counsel), and Sunitha Anjilvel (BOG Liaison).

Also Attending: Ellen Reed (ATJ Tech Committee Liaison), Lisa Amatangel (WSBA Associate Director), and Kyla Jones (WSBA Paralegal).

Interim Chair Doug Walsh called the meeting to order once a quorum was established.

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the August 20, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Updates

- Recruitment
Incoming Chair Michael Cherry is working with Diana Singleton, WSBA's Equity and Justice Manager, to send a letter seeking applicants to Minority Bar Associations.
- Courthouse Facilitators
The Board has invited stakeholders to the October POLB meeting to collect feedback. This meeting will be held on October 15, 2020 via Zoom.
- Access to Justice Technology Committee Workgroup
There is an upcoming meeting for
Since Prof. George Critchlow's term on the Board expires on September 30, 2020, Mir Tariq will attend these in Prof. Critchlow's place.
- Equity and Disparity Workgroup
The Board appointed Mir Tariq as the POLB delegate for the Equity and Disparity Workgroup.
*Note: Following the meeting, Mir Tariq has been confirmed as a member of this workgroup.



3. POLB's Participation in Senate Law and Justice Committee Webinar

The Board received a request from the Senate Law and Justice Committee requesting a speaker from the Practice of Law Board to participate in a discussion regarding two Senate Bills. The two Senate Bills are SB 6146 (regulating legal service contractors) and SB 6043 (subscription service legal defense funds). The Board appointed Incoming Chair Michael Cherry to attend this webinar, on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 on behalf of the Practice of Law Board.

4. Activities of Interest for Next Fiscal Year

The Board discussed several activities of interest for the upcoming new fiscal year, including: recruitment, working with the Access to Justice Technology Committee on GR 24 and online legal services, and Courthouse Facilitators. Incoming Chair Michael Cherry reported that the Board will plan to meet with the Supreme Court in the upcoming fiscal year.

5. Goodbye and Thank You to Non-Returning Board Members

The Board thanked the outgoing Board members for their service and hard work on the Practice of Law Board.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 15, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The Board has invited Courthouse Facilitator stakeholders to meet with the Board to provide feedback from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made and seconded to enter Executive Session.

A motion was made and seconded to end the Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned.