

Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2020

Members Present: Chair Michael Cherry, Michele Carney, Pearl Gipson-Collier, Brooks Goode, Prof. Drew Simshaw, and Gary Swearingen.

Members Excused: Amber Rush, Mir Tariq, Joseph Williams, and Sunitha Anjilvel (BOG Liaison).

Also Attending: Julie Shankland (WSBA General Counsel) and Kyla Jones (WSBA Paralegal).

PUBLIC SESSION

Chair Michael Cherry called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

1. Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 19, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Review of Meeting with Justice Gonzalez

Chair Michael Cherry updated the Board on his conversation with Chief Justice-Elect González.

3. Updates

a. Operations

i. Recruitment and Onboarding

Chair Michael Cherry gave an update on the Board's recruitment. Kyla Jones reported on the upcoming survey the Board will receive to survey diversity on the Board. The data collected will be used to guide the Board's recruitment efforts and meeting with the Supreme Court. Participation in the survey is encouraged, but optional, and all responses will be kept anonymous.

ii. Equity and Disparity Workgroup Report (Mir Tariq)

Chair Michael Cherry will ask Mir Tariq to report on the Equity and Disparity Workgroup at the next meeting.



iii. Subcommittees (Michael Cherry)

The Board hopes to create subcommittees for projects with deadlines. Chair Cherry has asked that members interested in a subcommittee contact him.

b. Public Education

i. Legal Health Check Up (Michael Cherry)

In addition to the Legal Health Check Up, the Board discussed potential projects such as drafting guides for hiring a legal professional and how to prepare for a consultation.

c. New Avenues for Legal Related Services

i. Access to Justice Technology Committee Workgroup

Michele Carney and Prof. Drew Simshaw reported on the Access to Justice Technology Committee's Workgroup. The Workgroup has been actively working on new GR 24 drafts, ARP 29 drafts, and research on other states.

d. Contact with the Attorney General's Office

The Board often refers unauthorized practice of law complaints to the Attorney General's Office. Chair Michael Cherry reported on his conversations earlier this month with the AGO. The Board will continue to work with the agencies where complaints are often referred, such as county prosecutors.

4. Preparation for Meeting with the Court

Meeting materials for the meeting with the Supreme Court on February 4, 2021 are due by January 4, 2021. Amendments to these materials are due by January 22, 2021. The Board will work this month to prepare and finalize materials by the deadline.

5. Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2021 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made and seconded to enter Executive Session.

A motion was made and seconded to exit Executive Session.