

# WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

## Meeting Minutes WSBA Business Law Section Executive Committee Meeting February 18, 2026

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***Note: If you log in early Zoom may say meeting starts at 12:30; however, meeting actually starts at 1:00.***

### I. Call to order, establish quorum, and introductions (Action)\*

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

#### Executive Committee Members Present:

- Melissa Jaffe, Chair
- Elisabeth McNeil, Chair-Elect and Partnership and LLC Law Committee Co-Chair
- Tyler O'Brien, Treasurer
- Ryan Griffee, Secretary
- Barbara Prowant, Immediate Past Chair\*
- W. Michael Hutchings, Corporate Act Revision Committee Chair
- Kalin Bornemann, Financial Institutions Committee Chair
- Law of Commerce in Cyberspace Committee (VACANT)*
- David A. Lawson, Nonprofit Corporations Committee Chair
- Matthew LeMaster, Partnership and LLC Law Committee Co-Chair
- Kaitlin Miller, Communications Committee Chair
- Paul Swegle, Securities Law Committee Chair
- Gregory Fox, Uniform Commercial Code Committee Chair
- Scott William MacCormack, Legal Opinions Committee Chair
- Olivia Holder, Privacy (and Data Protection Security Law) Committee Chair
- Kaitlyn (Batstone) Karstetter, New Member ~~(formerly Young)~~ Business Lawyers Committee Chair
- Jianwei "Andy" Wang, At-Large Member
- Yufei "Mia" Qu, New Member (formerly WYLC) Liaison
- Kevin Fay Board of Governors Liaison\*

\*Non-voting position

**Executive Committee Members excused:** Gregory Fox; Olivia Holder

**WSBA Representatives and Staff Present:** Carolyn MacGregor, Sections Program Specialist

**Others Present:** N/A

**Meeting Quorum:** Nine voting members of the Executive Committee were needed to establish quorum and quorum was met.

**II. Tabled approval of January 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes (Discussion).**

Ryan requested any feedback on Melissa's notes from prior meeting be provided to Ryan by February 19, 2026.

**III. Chair report**

- a. **List Serve Clean-up.** The Chair requested that members share info re: On Friday, March 20, WSBA staff will be conducting a large-scale WSBA Sections list serve clean-up to ensure current section members are subscribed to the list serves and to remove subscribers who are no longer active section members.
- b. **Events.** The Chair requested ideas be shared regarding potential events. Examples include "Shark Tank" events for entrepreneurs, Halloween theme CLE (practice "horror" stories).

**IV. Treasurer's Report (Discussion and Action)** Treasurer reported and discussed:

- a. **Budget FY 2025.**
- b. **Budget FY 2026** planning timeline.
- c. **Budget FY 2027** starts in October, goal to break down by committee.
- d. **Expenses.** Treasurer requested members email expense requests to Treasurer and Carolyn MacGregor in advance, early if possible (especially if more than \$500).
- e. **Social Event.** Thursday March 26, 2026, 4 p.m. at Alabi Room (Pike Place Market), spend \$500 food (with new members liaison). Tyler O'Brien moved, Paul Swegle seconded, motion passes.
- f. **Mariner's game suite repeat.**

**V. Committee Report: Financial Institutions (Discussion).**

- a. Kalin Bornemann, as chair of the Financial Institutions Committee, planned a kick-off event for folks to meet, mingle, and catch up with others that practice in the financial services industry. Miller Nash hosted the meet-up over lunch at their Seattle office and received great participation at the February 5<sup>th</sup> event.

**VI. Committee Report: Temporary Bylaws Committee (Discussion and Action)**

- a. Discussion re: Proposed Bylaw changes from the governance committee (per circulated redlines) to Remove Cyberspace Committee, Remove Ad Hoc from voting, and Add New Members' Committee. Tyler O'Brien proposed motion to accept redlines with change to call

it New Members' Committee (of the Business Law Section); Ryan Griffee second. No objections, motion passes.

Discussion about attendance requirement.

Ryan Griffee proposed a motion to dissolve the temporary committee, but authorize Tyler O'Brien to continue activities necessary to fulfill prior motion (i.e. preparing final clean version and working with WSBA to have final version approved and distributed).

**VII. Committee Report: Securities Law Committee (Discussion)**

Paul Swegle reported the 46th Annual Securities Institute, which will be on Friday, May 8, 2026, in-person in Seattle (at WSBA) and via live webcast. James Moloney, Director of Division of Corporation Finance; streamlining Regulation S-K. Goal to make it super relevant and interesting for everyday business lawyers. Cutting edge public company, cutting edge finance for start-ups, fund formation "how-to, nuts and bolts" Special Purpose Acquisition Company (SPAC) update. Expect flyer in a few weeks. Will share with committee. Private practice participants may be willing to write articles.

**VIII. Old Business (For possible action). N/A**

**IX. For the Good of the Order/New Business (Discussion).**

**X. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan D. Griffee, Secretary  
Executive Committee of the  
Business Law Section

Minutes Approved by the Business Law Section Executive Committee on March 18, 2026