

**District of Columbia Bar
Board of Governors Meeting
June 14, 2022**

**Call to Order
(Agenda Item 1)**

President Chad T. Sarchio called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the first-ever hybrid meeting with some members attending in person and others via Zoom teleconference.

The following members of the Board of Governors were in attendance: President-Elect Ellen M. Jakovic, Secretary Roger Lu Phillips, Treasurer Andrea Mangones, Immediate Past President Geoffrey Klineberg, Jessica E. Adler, Catherine D. Bertram, Brian K. Flowers, Elizabeth (Sally) Gere, Theodore A. Howard, Su Sie Ju, Natalie M. Koss, June B. Kress, Megan Lacchini, Paul S. Lee, Lisa A. Lipsky, Fatema K. Merchant, Amy E. Nelson, Peggy Lansbach O'More, Ramya Ravindran, Diane A. Seltzer, and Courtney L. Weiner.

Board member Janene D. Jackson did not attend.

D.C. Bar Chief Executive Officer Robert J. Spagnoletti and D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Executive Director Kelli Neptune attended the meeting, along with the following Bar staff: Angela Boone, Matthew S. Butler, Jessica Carlson, Dennis Cuevas, Karla Dieseldorff, Akil Ellis, Carla J. Freudenburg, Adrian Gottshall, Amy Hackett, Caitlin Hoyt, LaTanya Hunter, Lauren King, Gabriella Lewis-White, Raymond List, May Lonergan, Margarita Lorenzetti, Caterina Luppi, Darryl Maxwell, Erum Z. Mirza, Maurice Morrow, Monica Page, Querry Raobelina, Pamela Robinson, Andrea Rodricks, Delonte Rogers, Darrin P. Sobin, Crystal White, and Adriana Zick.

Other attendees included Charles C. Lemley, Charles R. Lowery, Jr., Cathy Z. Scheineson, and D'Ontae Sylvertooth.

**President's Report
(Agenda Item 2)**

President Sarchio presented his report and congratulated Roger Lu Phillips and Andrea Mangones on their reelection to the Board. He provided highlights of his attendance at the May 25 voluntary bar leadership group meeting and the May 26 Communities Committee meeting and reception. He noted that the D.C. Court of Appeals appreciated the Board's support in its effort to identify additional space for the July administration of the D.C. bar exam. President Sarchio reminded and encouraged the Board to attend the Bar's 50th Anniversary Conference and Celebration of Leadership.

**Consent Agenda
(Agenda Item 3)**

President Sarchio presented the Consent Agenda to the Board, which included the minutes of the April 12, 2022, meeting.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

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**Treasurer's Quarterly Report
(Agenda Item 4)**

Treasurer Mangones presented her quarterly report.

See Tab 4.

**CEO's Report
(Agenda Item 5)**

CEO Spagnoletti presented his report. He provided highlights of the fully virtual Special Membership meeting on April 27, during which the members approved four resolutions granting the Board authority to issue public statements on various topics. Spagnoletti noted that during fiscal year 2021, the Bar exceeded the hiring goals set forth in the D.C. Bar's Diversity and

Inclusion Policy. He also recognized the Marketing and Communications staff for their work on the *Washington Lawyer*, which was nominated for a journalistic award, and provided highlights of the Communities' Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion conference and the annual Tax Conference. Spagnoletti recognized D.C. Bar staff for successfully administering the annual election process for officers and members of the Board. He further recognized the D.C. Bar's IT and Facilities teams for their efforts to ensure a smooth and successful transition to hybrid meetings.

See Tab 5.

**Report of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Initiative Working Group
(Agenda Item 6)**

Charles R. Lowery, Jr., Charles C. Lemley, D'Ontae Sylvertooth, and Cathy Z. Scheineson presented a report of the Communities' DEI and Accessibility Initiative Working Group. Their work began in January 2021 and culminated in the creation of the Lawyers' Toolkit for Diversity & Inclusion.

The Working Group recommended that the D.C. Bar place the report prominently on its website and take a proactive role in supporting DEI and Accessibility awareness among its members. During discussion, it was proposed that the Board appoint a committee or task force to conduct additional research and propose further action items.

See Tab 6.

**Year-end Summary Report on the Implementation of 2020-25 Strategic Plan
(Agenda Item 7)**

Raymond List reported on the status of projects undertaken by the D.C. Bar this past fiscal year in support of the 2025 Strategic Plan.

**Reports of the Pension and Finance Committees
(Agenda Item 8)**

Geoffrey M. Klineberg presented the reports of the Pension and Finance Committees.

See Tab 8.

**Member Reinstatement - Diviacchi
(Agenda Item 9)**

General Counsel Erum Z. Mirza presented an appeal from former D.C. Bar member Valerio Diviacchi who was denied reinstatement after voluntary resignation by CEO Spagnoletti.

The Board denied the former member's appeal.

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**Executive Session
(Agenda Item 10)**

The Board met in Executive Session.

**Adjournment
(Agenda Item 11)**

There being no further business, President Sarchio adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Roger Lu Phillips
Secretary