

**District of Columbia Bar  
Board of Governors Meeting  
June 9, 2020**

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

President Susan M. Hoffman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone via Zoom teleconference.

Other members of the Board of Governors who attended the meeting via Zoom were President-Elect Geoffrey M. Klineberg, Treasurer Richard V. Rodriguez, Jessica E. Adler, Catherine D. Bertram, A.J. S. Dhaliwal, Elizabeth “Lisa” R. Dewey, Elizabeth “Sally” Gere, Theodore A. Howard, Su Sie Ju, June B. Kress, Megan Lacchini, Paul S. Lee, Esther H. Lim, Amy E. Nelson, Peggy Lansbach O’More, Bridget Rowan, Saleema Snow, and Keiko Takagi.

Board members David W. Arrojo, Janene D. Jackson, Lisa A. Lipsky, and Secretary Courtney L. Weiner did not attend the meeting.

D.C. Bar general counsel Marlon Q. Paz also attended the meeting.

D.C. Bar staff who attended the meeting were Chief Executive Officer Robert J. Spagnoletti, D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Executive Director Rebecca K. Troth, Matthew S. Butler, David Chu, Dennis Cuevas, Akil Ellis, Carla J. Freudenberg, Raymond List, Margarita Lorenzetti, Caterina Luppi, Lisa Martin-Morina, Maurice Morrow, Karen Savransky, Candace Smith-Tucker, Darrin P. Sobin, Crystal White, Andrea Williams, and Adriana Zick.

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

In Secretary Weiner’s absence, President Hoffman appointed Board member Lee as recorder of the proceedings of the meeting.

President Hoffman introduced Jonathan Smith, Executive Director of the Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, who discussed racial equity issues.

**Consent Agenda  
(Agenda Item 3)**

President Hoffman presented the Consent Agenda to the Board, which approved the minutes of the May 12, 2020, meeting,

The Board approved the revised D.C. Bar Conflict of Interest Policy.

The Board approved the appointments of Stacy Ludwig and Yaida O. Ford as chair and vice chair, respectively, of the Rules of Professional Conduct Review Committee for the 2020-21 term.

*See Tab 3.*

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

Treasurer Rodriguez presented his report.

*See Tab 4.*

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

CEO Spagnoletti provided an update on the Bar's operations during the COVID-19 crisis. He also reported the status of license renewals and voting in the D.C. Bar election. He noted the increase in the number of members who participated in the Bar election process. CEO Spagnoletti discussed plans for a virtual Celebration of Leadership, rescheduled for July 30, 2020, at which time the Bar's new website will be unveiled.

*See Tab 5.*

**Proposal to Adopt the 2025 Strategic Plan  
(Agenda Item 6)**

Past Bar President Timothy K. Webster and Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee reported on the work of the 2020-25 Strategic Plan and fielded questions from the Board. President Hoffman waived the two-meeting notice policy for purposes of expedited action. The Board approved the Strategic Plan.

*See* Tab 6.

**Proposal to Waive Provisions of Article I, Sections 1 and 2 of the D.C. Bar By-laws  
to Allow the President, Officers, and Members of the Board of Governors  
to Take Office on June 10, 2020  
(Agenda Item 7)**

President Hoffman informed the Board that because of the Coronavirus Pandemic, the Bar would be unable to hold its Annual Meeting in the month of June, as required by Rule VI of the D.C. Court of Appeals Rules Governing the Bar. Article I of the D.C. Bar By-laws prescribes that the close of the annual meeting of the District of Columbia Bar is the occasion on which the new President and other officers of the Bar assume their offices. Similarly, the newly elected members of the Board of Governors assume their offices at the conclusion of the annual meeting.

To effect the orderly transition of the conclusion of the Bar's fiscal and programmatic year, President Hoffman recommended to the Board that the change in governance of the Bar nonetheless take place in the month of June despite the fact that the annual meeting of the Bar is not planned to take place until July 30<sup>th</sup>.

To implement President Hoffman's recommendation, the Board approved a waiver of Article I, Sections 1 and 2 of the By-laws to allow for the President-Elect to assume the office of President, and for the newly-elected officers and members of the Board of Governors to assume their offices, effective June 10, 2020.

*See* Tab 7.

**Recognition of Outgoing Board Members  
(Agenda Item 8)**

The Board recognized President Hoffman and outgoing Board members.

**Executive Session  
(Agenda Item 9)**

The Board met in Executive Session.

**Adjournment  
(Agenda Item 10)**

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Courtney L. Weiner  
Secretary