

Florida Bar Board of Governors
August 24, 2020
By Videoconference

1. Roll Call

Dori Foster-Morales, President
Michael G. Tanner, President-Elect
Jeremy C. Branning, 1st Circuit
Lawrence E. Sellers, Jr., 2nd Circuit
Melissa VanSickle, 2nd Circuit
Michael Fox Orr, 4th Circuit
W. Braxton Gillam, IV, 4th Circuit
Renée E. Thompson, 5th Circuit
Joshua T. Chilson, 6th Circuit
Sandra Fascell Diamond, 6th Circuit
Philip J. Bonamo, 7th Circuit
Stephanie M. Marchman, 8th Circuit
Thomas P. Wert, 9th Circuit
Julia L. Frey, 9th Circuit
Tad A. Yates, 9th Circuit
C. Richard Nail, 10th Circuit
Roland Sanchez-Medina, Jr., 11th Circuit
Nikki L. Simon, 11th Circuit
Jordan A. Dresnick, 11th Circuit
Jorge L. Piedra, 11th Circuit
Jeffrey Rynor, 11th Circuit
Steven W. Davis, 11th Circuit
F. Scott Westheimer, 12th Circuit
Kenneth G. Turkel, 13th Circuit
Amy S. Farrior, 13th Circuit
J. Carter Andersen, 13th Circuit
Paige A. Greenlee, 13th Circuit
Clifford C. Higby, 14th Circuit
R. Sia Baker-Barnes, 15th Circuit
Ronald P. Ponzoli, Jr., 15th Circuit
Robin I. Bresky, 15th Circuit
Gary S. Lesser, 15th Circuit
Wayne LaRue Smith, 16th Circuit

Jay Kim, 17th Circuit
Lorna E. Brown-Burton, 17th Circuit
Hilary Creary, 17th Circuit
Adam G. Rabinowitz, 17th Circuit
James G. Vickaryous, 18th Circuit
Gregory S. Weiss, 19th Circuit
Laird A. Lile, 20th Circuit
John D. Agnew, 20th Circuit
E. Duffy Myrtetus, Out of State
Ian M. Comisky, Out of State
Eric L. Meeks, Out of State
Brian D. Burgoon, Out of State
Adam White, YLD President
Todd L. Baker, YLD President-Elect
Joseph “Jody” D. Hudgins, Public Member
Linda Goldstein, Public Member

Members Absent

Kris B. Robinson, 3rd Circuit
Alice Sum, 11th Circuit
Diana Santa Maria, 17th Circuit

2. Staff in Attendance

Joshua Doyle, Executive Director
Allison Sackett, Director, Legal Division
Terry Hill, Director, Program Division
Cynthia Jackson, CFO & Director, Administrative Division
Rick Courtemanche, Deputy General Counsel
Elizabeth Clark Tarbert, Ethics Counsel
Patricia A. Savitz, Staff Counsel
Francine Walker, Director, Public Information and Bar Services
Mike Garcia, Director, Research, Planning and Evaluation
Roselyn A. Scott, Assistant to the President
Jim Ash, Senior Editor, Florida Bar News

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Board member Stephanie Marchman delivered the invocation and board member Clifford Higby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Minutes Approval

The board voted without objection to approve the minutes for the July 17 meeting. That approval included ratifying the Executive Committee action on August 10. The committee voted 11-0 to approve filing amicus curiae briefs by the Workers' Compensation Section in the case of *Laboratory Corporation of America et al. v. Davis*, Case Nos. SC19-1923 and SC19-1936.

5. Executive Session

Board members went into executive session to discuss disciplinary and other matters.

6. Guests

President Dori Foster-Morales recognized the following guests:

A. Dax Bello, Cuban American Bar Association.

Kimberly E. Hosley, Florida Association for Women Lawyers.

Kevin Nash, Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter, NBA.

7. Consent Agenda

The board voted without objection to approve the consent agenda, including:

- Approving a CFO recommendation to defer the assignment of a \$50 late fee until the October 1 delinquency date.
- Reappointing Winifred Linette Acosta, Tallahassee, (attorney member,) and Kimberly H. Pullen, Tallahassee, and Meredith G. Gibson Zornek, Orlando, (FRP members,) to the Florida Registered Paralegal Committee for terms that expire in 2023.

8. President's Report

President Dori Foster-Morales reported that the first eight Virtual Town Halls are generating valuable survey data and member comments that will be forwarded to the COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery Task Force for consideration and possible action.

9. COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery Task Force Report

Chair Michael Tanner presented.

Chair Tanner referred members to a status report detailing projects, proposals and activities. A redesigned COVID-19 webpage is nearly complete. The task force will meet every two weeks prior to the October 23 board meeting. Virtual Town Hall surveys and suggestions will be studied for potential action. Board member suggestions are encouraged.

10. Young Lawyers Division Report

YLD President Adam White presented.

The “#YLDIsMe” campaign began in August with a testimonial by openly autistic lawyer Haley Moss. An implicit bias webinar was conducted earlier this month.

The YLD and the Labor and Employment Law Section are producing a September 16 webinar regarding COVID-19 issues. The YLD is creating a website to link 2020 Bar applicants and Bar members participating in a supervised practice program. A CLE on bankruptcy will be completed in next two months.

11. Program Evaluation Committee Report

Chair Brian Burgoon presented.

Items for Final Action: Approval of a Standing Committee on Diversity and Inclusion proposal to create a statewide, multi-faceted program, based on a proven model, that will promote diversity and inclusion and have a lasting impact on Florida’s lawyers, students and the public at large. Volunteer lawyers will visit participating middle and high schools to present the story of The Florida Bar’s path to unity against the backdrop of our nation’s civil rights history. Funding will primarily be generated from private law firms, bar sections and divisions, voluntary bar associations, and the public. The board voted without objection to approve.

12. Budget Committee Report

Chair Melissa VanSickle presented.

Item for Final Action: A \$29,500 amendment from the New Project Reserve Fund for development of a Standing Committee on Diversity and Inclusion educational project. The board voted without objection to approve.

13. Time and Place of Next Meeting

There being no further business before the board, President Dori Foster-Morales adjourned the meeting at 4:19 p.m. The next board meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2020 at the Ritz Carlton Golf Resort Naples.

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