



**Minutes
Board of Governors Meeting**

**September 1, 2021, Las Vegas, Nevada
September 2, 2021, Meeting via Zoom
September 20, 2021, Meeting via Zoom
September 30, 2021, Meeting via Zoom
October 5, 2021, Email Vote**

September 1, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada was convened on September 1, 2021.

The following members were in attendance:

Ann Morgan, President
Paola Armeni, President-Elect
Eric Dobberstein, Immediate Past President
Seth Adams
Jeff Albregts
Doug Clark
Terry Coffing
Andrew Craner
Richard Dreitzer
Gene Leverty
Joel Locke
Catherine Mazzeo
Marisa Rodriguez
Kari Stephens
Brittnie Watkins
Dean Sara Gordon, ex-officio

State Bar staff present:

Lisa Dreitzer
Kimberly Farmer
Dan Hooge
Marc Mersol
Gale Skala

Guests:

Mark Engle
Trey Apffel
Rew Goodenow

CALL TO ORDER/PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ann Morgan called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Morgan welcomed Interim Dean Sara Gordon of the Boyd School of Law. The Board of Governors looks forward to a collaborative working relationship with the law school. Ms. Morgan reviewed the 2021-2022 Board of Governors proposed meeting dates.

CUSTOMER SERVICE DISCUSSION

The Board of Governors engaged in a productive discussion on how the Board of Governors can improve communication with members. Some suggested ways of doing this are:

- Communicating to members all the benefits the state bar offers to the members
- Being more visible at section/committee and affinity bar meetings and events
- Amplifying attendance on social media platforms
- Becoming more transparent on Board activities and actions

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board of Governors discussed the goals and objectives in the 2020-2022 strategic plan. The board determined the "attorney discipline goal" can be removed from the plan as this goal has been met. Kari Stephens, chair of the Blue Ribbon Committee on DEI discussed committee recommendations to revise the "DEI goal" and to expand the measurables. The board revised the "wellness goal" and measurables, specifically expanding the measurables to include law school students, the judiciary, and other professionals in the legal community. The "member benefits goal" and measurables were revised to expand and highlight the board's objective of delivering excellent customer service to members. The changes in the strategic plan provide for activities that are germane to the state bar's mission -- to govern the legal profession, to serve our members, and to protect the public interest.

CHALLENGES TO MANDATORY BARS

Kimberly Farmer introduced Trey Apffel, Executive Director of the State Bar of Texas. Mr. Apffel presented a synopsis of the recent litigation in Texas regarding the challenge to the Texas mandatory bar status. Mr. Apffel noted that attorneys have filed suits in several states challenging the mandatory bar. Mr. Apffel recommends that state bars review their policies and procedures to omit any non-germane activities. The board plans to conduct this review with the 2022 budgeting process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board entered Executive Session at 11:10 a.m. and concluded the session at 11:30 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve consent agenda items:

- Minutes, June 16, 2021
- Section Officer Appointments
- Clear Vantage Database Agreement
- NLAP Provider Memorandum of Understanding
- Resignations
- Mock Trial Rules Amendments

REPORTS/DISCUSSION

Out of State Travel Policy

Andrew Craner led the discussion on state-funded and state-sponsored travel to states with discriminatory laws. While the board took no action on a travel policy, the discussion did prompt a conversation on vendors and setting goals to seek DEI policies of state bar vendors.

Blue Ribbon Committee on DEI

Kari Stephens gave a synopsis of the most recent meeting of the Blue-Ribbon Committee on DEI highlighting the additions to the state bar's strategic goals and plans to convene the affinity bar meetings quarterly. Working with affinity bars speaks directly to the state bar's mission to serve our members.

ADKT Short Trial Rules

Eric Dobberstein presented an overview of the proposed ADKT petition covering revisions to the ADR/Short Trial Rules. The board agreed to send the revised petition to those who gave the committee feedback. The final version of the ADKT will be sent to the board for a closing review.

Annual Meeting Overview

The board discussed the results of the annual meeting survey.

TRAITS OF A HIGH FUNCTIONING BOARD

Kimberly Farmer introduced Mark Engle, Principal Association Management Center highlighting his background in association management.

Mr. Eagle explained the concept of a high functioning board and how to achieve results. Mr. Eagle provided an overview of the following concepts.

- Boardroom culture and the importance of promoting trust, teamwork, candor, and constructive conflict
- Encouraging healthy debates in turn makes for better decisions
- Identifying, cultivating, and recruiting leaders
- The ability to focus on strategic rather than operational issues

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE)

Kimberly Farmer provided an update on the MCLE transition to the State Bar of Nevada. This past July, three MCLE Board staff were brought on as full-time employees of the State Bar of Nevada. Two staff members support the MCLE functions full-time, and the third employee works shares responsibilities with the Member Services department.

With the administrative support provided by the state bar, staff will effectively serve our members during the 2021 MCLE compliance period. The state bar will be communicating the process for accessing online transcripts, adding missing course credits, and completing the year-end credit affirmation these obligations through the end of the year through direct emails, social media, and short videos.

ADKT MCLE Rules

Richard Dreitzer presented an overview of the amended rules for the MCLE board under the administration of the state bar. The management of the MCLE function is germane to the bar's regulatory role. It was moved, seconded, and carried to submit the ADKT petition as presented.

MCLE Reserve Funds Taskforce

The Board was asked to consider approving a new grant program funded from the current MCLE Board reserves and with ongoing funding generated through attorney and provider late fees. The grant program would be administered by the Nevada Bar Foundation. The MCLE Reserve Taskforce developed a draft MCLE Reserve Funds Grant Program Guidelines for board review. The board agreed with the grant program concept but took no action as the Nevada Bar Foundation had not met to approve administration of the grant program.

Financial Report

Marc Mersol presented a summary of the financial report as of July 30, 2021. It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept the financial report of July 30, 2021.

Mock Trial Committee

Marisa Rodriguez presented a synopsis of the proposed amendments to rules of the Mock Trial Competition. It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the proposed amendments.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ann Morgan thanked Rew Goodenow for his 20+ years of service to the ABA representing Nevada attorneys.

ADJORNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

September 2, 2021, Meeting via Zoom

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada was convened on September 2, 2021, via Zoom

The following members were in attendance:

Ann Morgan, President
Paola Armeni, President-Elect
Eric Dobberstein, Immediate Past President
Seth Adams
Jeff Albregts
Terry Coffing
Andrew Craner
Richard Dreitzer
Gene Leverty
Joel Locke
Catherine Mazzeo
Marisa Rodriguez
Kari Stephens
Brittnie Watkins

State Bar staff present:

Kimberly Farmer, Gale Skala, Lisa Dreitzer

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT COMMITTEE REPORT

Brittnie Watkins presented an overview the grant applications. The Program Development Grants provide an opportunity to support entities that provide law related education and access to justice. Each that is germane to the role of the state bar. It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following grant applications:

- Nevada Legal Services granted \$12,000
- Clark County Bar Association granted \$6,150
- Department of Indigent Defense Services granted \$26,000

APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the following appointments:

Nevada Lawyer Editorial Board

Yolanda Carapia

Mock Trial Committee

Kelly Brill, John Shook, Robson Hauser, Shelley Hughes
Andrew Chiu as Chair

Board of Bar Examiners

Joan Howarth, Rob Salyer

Functional Equivalency Committee

Chris Davis, Hon. Gloria Sturman

Seth Adams abstained from voting.

Character and Fitness Committee

Scott Hoffman, Ann Bersi, James Murphy

Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility

Brett Kandt, Chair; Melissa Brown, Vice Chair

Jeff Albregts abstained from voting.

Nevada Sentencing Commission

James Hoffman

Access to Justice Commission

Marisa Rodriguez

Marisa Rodriguez abstained from voting.

Nevada Legal Services Board

Melissa Brown, Gregory Kamer

Board of Indigent Defense Services

Allison Joffe

Fee Dispute Committee

Tom Donaldson

Lauren Gorman

Jennifer Mahe

Rost Olson

Doug Rands

B. Alexandra Walden

Joel Browning

Terry Johnson

Diane Lowe

Sunethra Muralidhara

John Naylor

Mitchell Resnick

Juan Sciafani, Jr.

Dave Zerhusen

Mary Albregts

Todd Krome

Margo Chernysheva, State Chair

Stephanie Zinna, Regional Chair

Royi Moas, Regional Chair

Jennifer Mahe, Regional Chair

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

September 20, 2021, Meeting Held via Zoom

A Zoom meeting was held with the agenda item to appoint the temporary member on the Commission on Judicial Selection regarding the vacancy in the Eighth Judicial District, Department 11.

Board members present were:

Ann Morgan, President

Paola Armeni, President-Elect

Seth Adams

Jeff Albregts

Doug Clark

Andrew Craner

Richard Dreitzer

Gene Leverty

Marisa Rodriguez

Kari Stephens

Brittnie Watkins

After discussion the board appointed Eric Dobberstein as the temporary member to the Commission on Judicial Selection regarding the vacancy in the Eighth Judicial District, Department 11. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

September 30, 2021, Meeting Held Via Zoom

A Zoom meeting was held with the agenda item cover discussion and action on the MCLE Reserve Fund Grant Program.

Board members present were:

Ann Morgan, President

Paola Armeni, President-Elect

Seth Adams

Julie Cavanaugh-Bill

Doug Clark

Andrew Craner

Gene Leverty

Joel Locke

Cathy Mazzeo

Marisa Rodriguez

Brittnie Watkins

The board reviewed the proposal from the MCLE Reserve Fund Taskforce for use of the MCLE reserves. This program is germane to the bar's mission as it speaks aspects in the bar's strategic plan, providing an avenue for granting dollars to education programs for attorneys and support pro bono efforts. After discussion it was moved, seconded, and approved to submit recommendations to the Supreme Court regarding use of the MCLE Reserve Fund Grant Program.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

October 5, 2021, Email Vote

Via email the board considered a Letter of Intent from a prospective tenant to lease space at 3100 West Charleston, suite 110. It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the Letter of Intent for leasing suite 110.