

**WEST VIRGINIA BAR FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ZOOM
DECEMBER 7, 2023-12:00 PM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the West Virginia Bar Foundation's Board of Directors was called to order by President Teresa Dumire, at 12:00 PM.

Board Members participating were President Teresa Dumire, Secretary/Treasurer Judge Patrick Flatley, Vice President Ann Haight, Immediate Past President Lucien Lewin, Judge Jack Alsop, Judge Joyce Carpenter, Debra Kilgore, Olubunmi Kusimo-Frazier, Teresa McCune, Jill McIntyre, David Morrison, Charles Printz, Jr., Barry Taylor, John Taylor, and Tom Tinder. Executive Director Tessa White was also present.

REVIEW OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

The first item on the agenda was a review of the Minutes of the previous Board of Directors meeting, which had been held on September 15, 2023. A motion was duly made, seconded, and passed that the Minutes be approved with minor changes discussed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Dumire called upon Secretary/Treasurer Judge Flatley to present the financial report for the first five months of the 2023-24 fiscal year, July 1, 2023-December 4, 2023. After questions from the Board members and responses, a motion was duly made, seconded, and passed to approve the year-to-date financial report as presented.

Secretary/Treasurer Judge Flatley presented the draft audited financial statements and draft Form 990 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. After questions from the Board members and responses, a motion was duly made, seconded, and passed to approve the draft audited financial statements and draft Form 990 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

JUSTICE FUND COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of the Justice Fund Committee, Chair Dean John Taylor presented the report. The Justice Fund Committee recommends that the investment portfolio include more exposure to technology and long-term growth by modifying investment fund managers to 75% London and 25% ML Equity Growth. After questions from the Board members and responses, a motion was duly made, seconded, and passed to approve modifications to the investment portfolio and to continue retaining Jamie O'Connor of Merrill Lynch to manage the investment portfolio.

REPORT OF GRANTS COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Grants Committee, Chair Debra Kilgore provided the report and recommendations from the Committee. The Committee recommends that the WV Bar Foundation grant \$30,000 to ChildLaw Services, Inc. to fund the startup hiring expenses of two guardian ad litem attorneys. The Grants Committee received grant applications in excess of its budgeted amount. After some discussion, a

motion was duly made, seconded, and passed to approve the recommendation presented by the Grants Committee, contingent upon procedural approval by Public Defender Services.

REPORT OF FOUNDATION FELLOWS NOMINATING COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Foundation Fellows Nominating Committee, Judge Jack Alsop provided the report. Judge Alsop indicated that the recommended nominations represent individuals who promote the goals and mission of the organization and have made contributions to West Virginia’s communities and legal networks.

The list of recommended individuals for the WV Bar Foundation Fellows Class of 2024 are as follows:

Nathan	Brown	Williamson
Justice Haley	Bunn	Charleston
Rachael Fletcher	Cipoletti	Charleston
Kimberley	Crockett	Martinsburg
Jason A.	Cuomo	Wellsburg
Amy	Cyphert	Morgantown
David	Duffield	Huntington
Tracey	Eberling	Martinsburg
James A. "Rocky"	Gianola	Morgantown
Mark	Hayes	Charleston
Judge Patricia	Keller	Huntington
Sunita	Kellermeyer	Morgantown
Anders	Lindberg	Huntington
Alex	Macia	Charleston
Jena	Martin	Morgantown
Judge James	Matish	Clarksburg
Marilyn	McClure-Demers	Galena, OH
Hon. John F.	McCuskey	Charleston
Suleimon	Oko-ogua	Charleston
Paul	Prunty	Huntington
Cam	Siegrist	Charleston
Toney	Stroud	Huntington
Amy	Tawney	Charleston
Stephanie	Taylor	Morgantown
Bernard	Vallejos	Charleston
Judge Heather	Wood	Wheeling

After some discussion, a motion was duly made, seconded, and passed to approve the recommendation presented by the Foundation Fellows Nominating Committee.

REPORT OF WEBSITE COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Website Committee, President Teresa Dumire provided an update on the new website and membership software. The website is almost finished and will work on the membership software next.

UPDATE ON WE THE PEOPLE FUNDS

President Teresa Dumire reported that the remaining funds held on behalf of We the People have been redirected to the West Virginia Civic Education Foundation.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was nothing to discuss under Other Business.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

President Dumire announced that the schedule for the upcoming Board of Directors Meetings is as follows:

- a. March 7, 2024 – 12:00 pm, Zoom
- b. June 6, 2024 – 12:00 pm, Zoom
- c. September 6, 2024 – 1:00 pm, or immediately following the Lunch & Laughs, The Erickson Alumni Center, Morgantown, WV

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned.