

**WEST VIRGINIA BAR FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
THE ERICKSON ALUMNI CENTER OR ZOOM  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2024-1:30 PM**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the West Virginia Bar Foundation’s Board of Directors was called to order by President Ann Haight, at 1:45 PM.

Board Members participating in person were President Ann Haight, Vice President David Morrison, Immediate Past President Teresa Dumire, Judge Jack Alsop, Sandra Chapman, Judge Patricia Hill, Teresa McCune, Suleiman Oko-Ogua, Charles Printz, Jr., John Taylor, and Tom Tinder. Executive Director Tessa White was also present in person. Board Members participating or participating in portions by Zoom or telephone were Secretary/Treasurer Judge Patrick Flatley, Olubunmi Kusimo-Frazier, Jill McIntyre and Barry Taylor.

**REVIEW OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES (June 6, 2024)**

The first item on the agenda was a review of the Minutes of the previous Board of Directors meeting, which had been held on June 6, 2024. A motion was duly made, seconded, and passed that the Minutes be approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

President Haight called upon Secretary/Treasurer Judge Flatley to present the financial report for the first two months of the 2024-25 fiscal year, July 1, 2024-August 31, 2024. 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.

**REPORT OF GRANTS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Grants Committee, Tessa White reminded the Board to disclose any conflicts of interest as they may arise. The Grants Committee recommends a \$15,000 grant to Legal Aid of West Virginia to assist with their move to their new building. A motion was duly made, seconded, and passed that the grant be approved. The Grants Committee recommends authorizing President Ann Haight to sign the Confidential Addendum to the Letter of Understanding: Terms and Conditions, dated December 28, 2022. After further discussion, a motion was duly made, seconded, and passed that the modified Addendum be signed. The Grants Committee requests that each Board Member sign and return the Conflict of Interest form.

**REPORT OF STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**

President Ann Haight presented the Strategic Planning Committee report and stated that the Bar Foundation Fellows Dinner is scheduled to be held at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Charleston on April 10, 2025. The Antero Lawyer Leadership Institute is scheduled to be held at Stonewall Resort on May 16-18, 2025. The Fourteenth Annual Lunch & Laughs with a Legal

Legend is scheduled to be held at The Erickson Alumni Center in Morgantown on either September 12, 2025 (first choice) or September 5, 2025 (second choice). After further discussion, Justice Hutchison was selected as the 2025 honoree. There was additional discussion about the possibility of changing the September 2025 Board meeting to a 10:00 am meeting, with the lunch immediately following the meeting.

There was discussion about the Strategic Planning Subcommittees (workgroups) for:

- i. Development, Fundraising, and Finance – David Morrison (chair), Judge Flatley, Judge Hill, Debra Kilgore, Bunmi Kusimo-Frazier
- ii. Engagement, Collaboration, and Outreach – Teresa McCune (chair), Teresa Dumire, Jill McIntyre, Suleiman Oko-Ogua, Dean John Taylor
- iii. Strengthen from Within – Chazz Printz (chair), Sandra Chapman, Barry Taylor, Tom Tinder, Judge Alsop

The subcommittees will meet, review preliminary suggestions accumulated from the survey, and report back during the December Board Meeting with 1-2 suggestions to complete within one year.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was nothing to discuss under Other Business.

#### **NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS**

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

- b. December 5, 2024 – 12:00 pm, Zoom
- c. March 6, 2025 – 12:00 pm, Zoom
- d. June 5, 2025 – 12:00 pm, Zoom
- e. September 5, 2025 OR September 12, 2025 – 1:30 pm, or immediately following the Lunch & Laughs event, Erickson Alumni Center, Morgantown, WV

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.