

**WEST VIRGINIA BAR FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ZOOM
JUNE 5, 2025-12:00 PM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

Board Members participating were President Ann Haight, Vice President David Morrison, Secretary/Treasurer Judge Patrick Flatley, Immediate Past President Teresa Dumire, Judge Jack Alsop, Sandra Chapman, Judge Patricia Hill, Olubunmi Kusimo-Frazier, Suleiman Oko-Ogua, Chazz Printz, Barry Taylor, and John Taylor. 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 March 6, 2025. A motion was duly made, seconded, and passed that the Minutes be approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The board reviews the financial report presented by Judge Flatley. He highlights the successful Fellows Dinner, which brought in \$11,000 more than budgeted, and the robust Fellows program income. The Lawyer Leadership Institute faces funding challenges due to the loss of a previous title sponsor, Antero Resources. The Justice Fund drawdown is within limits, and the organization's overall financial health is strong. The proposed budget for the next fiscal year is discussed, including allocations for marketing and administrative assistance as part of the strategic plan. The board needs to address funding for the Lawyer Leadership Institute moving forward. A motion was duly made, seconded, and passed that the financial report and the new budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year be adopted.

The Board met in Executive Session.

After returning from Executive Session, Executive Director Tessa White was asked to provide a list of accomplishments and a self-evaluation within fourteen days. The Board will meet June 23, 2025 at noon to discuss the Executive Director's compensation.

REPORT OF GRANTS COMMITTEE

Barry Taylor presents the report on behalf of the Grants Committee. The Committee recommends awarding a grant to Child Law Services, Inc., totaling \$20,000, that will fund a guardian ad litem position in Boone County. The committee proposes to allocate \$12,300 from the current fiscal year's budget and pledge \$7,700 from the next fiscal year. The Board approves the motion to award the grant, recognizing its alignment with the foundation's bylaws and its potential for direct impact on children's welfare in West Virginia.

REPORT OF STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEES

President Ann Haight provides an overview of the West Virginia Bar Foundation's achievements and ongoing initiatives. She highlights successful events like the Lunch and Laughs with Judge Moats, the Bar

Foundation Fellows dinner, and the Lawyer Leadership Institute. President Haight also discusses the Foundation's grants and scholarships, including support for child law representation and the Larry Starcher Public Service Scholarship. She outlines progress on the strategic plan, including fundraising goals, social media expansion, and outreach efforts. President Haight concludes by thanking committee members and encouraging everyone to help spread the word about the foundation's work through various channels.

Vice President David Morrison presents the report from the Development, Fundraising, and Finance subcommittee. He discusses efforts to raise funds for the Mission 30/30 program, noting the need for more involvement from fellows.

Immediate Past President Teresa Dumire presents the report from the Engagement, Collaboration, and Outreach subcommittee. The subcommittee proposes engaging Valor Services for social media management at \$375 per month plus an initial setup fee of \$500. A motion was duly made, seconded, and passed that the WVBF engages Valor Services. The subcommittee proposes revisions to the WVBF's Policies and Procedures related to selecting Foundation Fellows, allowing more flexibility for public interest attorneys. A motion was duly made, seconded, and passed that the Policies and Procedures be amended.

A motion was duly made, seconded, and passed that the Board adjourn the meeting at 1:10 pm to convene for the WVBF Annual Meeting.

The Board of Directors Meeting reconvened at 1:35 pm.

Chazz Printz presents the Strengthen from Within subcommittee's efforts to raise the Bar Foundation's visibility. He has drafted a 15-minute presentation titled "The Bar Foundation in 15 Minutes" to be used at various bar association meetings across the state. Chazz and other members have secured speaking slots at upcoming bar association meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing was discussed under Other Business.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

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

- Special BOD Meeting – Monday, June 23, 2025 – 12:00 Noon-Zoom Meeting
- Lunch and Laughs with a Legal Legend – Friday, September 5, 2025 – Erickson Alumni Center in Morgantown
- BOD Meeting – Friday, September 5, 2025 – 1:30 pm, or immediately following the Lunch & Laughs event, Erickson Alumni Center, Morgantown, WV
- BOD Meeting – Thursday, December 4, 2025-12:00 Noon-Zoom Meeting
- BOD Meeting – Thursday, March 5, 2026-12:00 Noon-Zoom Meeting
- BOD Meeting – Thursday, June 4, 2026-12:00 Noon-Zoom Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

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