

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF GOVERNORS SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes

Held Virtually

September 9, 2021

Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting of the Board of Governors of the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) was called to order by President Kyle Sciuchetti on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 5:02 PM. Governors in attendance were:

Hunter Abell
Sunitha Anjilvel
Lauren Boyd
Treas. Daniel D. Clark
Matthew Dresden
PJ Grabicki
Carla Higginson
Serena Sayani
Tom McBride
Bryn Peterson
Brett Purtzer
Alec Stephens
Brent Williams-Ruth

Also in attendance were President Elect Brian Tollefson, Immediate Past President Rajeev Majumdar, Governor Elect Jordan Couch, Executive Director Terra Nevitt, General Counsel Julie Shankland, Director of Human Resources & Chief Culture Officer Glynnis Klinefelter Sio, Executive Administrator Shelly Bynum, Chief of Staff Ana LaNasa Selvidge, Chief Communications & Outreach Officer Sara Niegowski, and Nancy Hawkins (Family Law Section).

Public Comment

The Board heard public comment from Nancy Hawkins expressing concern regarding discussions taking place in executive session. The Board heard public comment from WSBA employees Collin Rigley and Karen Duncan in support of the request to authorize WSBA employees to engage in collective bargaining.

Announce Basis for Moving Into Executive Session

Pres. Sciuchetti announced that the Board would meet in executive session at 5:15 PM to continue discussion with legal counsel regarding a request to authorize collective bargaining for WSBA staff and to receive advice and discuss with legal counsel litigation affecting integrated bars as permitted under the WSBA Bylaws. He noted that public session would resume at 6:45 PM.

Report Re Matters Discussed in Executive Session

Pres. Sciuchetti reported that the Board only discussed the first issue and did not reach to the second topic.

Request to Authorize Collective Bargaining for WSBA Staff

Pres. Sciuchetti announced there was motion made and seconded in executive session to not authorize collective bargaining. The vote was taken in public session. Motion passed 8 to 5. Gov. Knight was not present for the vote. There was a request to know who moved and who seconded the motion. Treas. Clark identified himself as the maker of the motion. The seconder did not identify themselves.

Announce Basis for Moving Into Executive Session

Pres. Sciuchetti announced that the Board would meet in executive session at 6:58 PM to receive advice and discuss with legal counsel litigation affecting integrated bars as permitted under the WSBA Bylaws. He noted that public session would resume at 7:20 PM. Executive session was extended to 7:45 PM.

Report Re Matters Discussed in Executive Session

Pres. Sciuchetti announced that the Board had concluded executive session and that no action was taken.

Update and Request for Input Re October Teambuilding Retreat

Executive Director Nevitt reported on planning and budgeting for the teambuilding retreat the Board approved in July. She noted the Budget & Audit Committee is recommending to the Board that it be virtual only. Discussion followed. Pres. Sciuchetti directed that the topic be deferred to the September 23-25, 2021 meeting to be taken up as part of the discussion of the FY22 budget.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Pres. Sciuchetti adjourned the meeting at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terra Nevitt

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WSBA Executive Director & Secretary