

**BOG Legislative Committee – Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2016**

Members present: Phil Brady, Mario Cava, Angela Hayes, Anthony Gipe, Elijah Forde, Sean Davis

Staff present: Jean McElroy, Debra Carnes, Alison Grazzini, Mike Shaw, Dana King



SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN

Item Discussed	Bill Number	Vote	Comments
Meeting minutes	N/A	Vote in approval for meeting minutes	No objections Moved: Gov. Brady Seconded: Gov. Davis
Voting Rights Act	HB 1745	Vote if HB 1745 meets GR 12.1	No objections Vote aye: Gov. Hayes Gov. Cava Gov. Gipe Gov. Forde Gov. Davis
Voting Rights Act: if the Civil Rights Section is authorized to comment publicly	HB 1745	Vote to table until BLC sees draft letter of support from the Civil Rights Section	No objections Move to table: Gov. Cava Seconded: Gov. Forde
Fair Chance Act	HB 1701	Vote if HB 1701 meets GR 12.1	Vote nay: unanimous Moved: Gov. Gipe Seconded: Gov. Cava
Labor & Employment Section not wishing to participate in legislative process	N/A	Vote to table until BLC meets later this week	No objections

Bill Report:

- WSBA-request bill, SB 6205, received a public hearing in the Senate Law and Justice Committee. Mike Hutchings co-chair of the Business Law Section's Corporate Act Revisions Committee testified in support of the bill.
- SB 6205 will need to pass through committee before the cutoff date (Feb. 5) to progress in the legislative process. Alison is working with legislators to ensure it passes.

Watch List:

HB 2496- Concerning pro bono legal services for military service members, veterans, and their families.

- Prime sponsor: Rep. Kilduff
- Attorney General request bill
- HB 2496 will have a hearing in House Judiciary on Jan. 27; the LAMP Section supports and will have a representative testifying on behalf of the LAMP Section.

HB 1745/ SB 5668- Enacting the Washington voting rights act.

- Prime sponsor(s): Rep. Moscoso, Sen. Habib
- The Civil Rights Section supports. The Section has drafted memos conveying their support for both the 2015 and 2016 Sessions.
- Gov. Brady proposed there should be a discussion if the bill meets GR 12.1. He mentioned last year, the Senate version was voted in favor 6-2 for the Civil Rights Section to speak on behalf of the Section.
- Jean mentioned that she does not believe that this bill meets GR 12.1
- Gov. Brady expressed he believes this bill does meet GR 12.1
- Gov. Forde agreed that this bill does satisfy GR 12.1 due to the fact that judges are elected.
- Alison mentioned that the Civil Rights Section has requested authorization to comment publically and to take a position on behalf of the entire WSBA in support of this bill.
- Gov. Cava conveyed that this bill may be a political issue and that it also affects the practice of law, therefore, meeting GR 12.1.
- Gov. Forde asked if there would be a different affect from WSBA taking a position as opposed to just the Section.
- Gov. Brady answered that there is no easy answer, while Gov. Gipe expressed that taking a position on behalf of WSBA would need to be done cautiously.
- Gov. Brady called the vote if HB 1745/ SB 5668 meets GR 12.1: unanimous ayes.
- Gov. Brady called the vote if the Civil Rights Section would be authorized to speak on behalf of the entire WSBA.
- Gov. Gipe conveyed that he would like to see the Civil Rights Section's draft letter to see if it is appropriate that the BOG authorize the Section to comment publicly.
- Gov. Brady called a vote to table this until the draft letter is received: unanimous with ayes

- Alison mentioned that she will contact the Civil Rights Section to get a draft letter by next Monday's meeting.

HB 1701/ SB 5608-Prohibiting employers from asking about arrests or convictions before an applicant is determined otherwise qualified for a position.

- Prime sponsor(s): Rep. Moscoso, Sen. Miloscia
- The Civil Rights Section supports this bill and is asking for authorization to comment publicly.
- In February 2015, the BOG voted that HB 1701 did not meet GR 12.1 with a 5-3 vote.
- Gov. Brady called a vote, Gov. Gipe moved and Gov. Cava seconded if this bill meets GR 12.1: unanimous nays.
- The vote concluded that the Civil Rights Section is not authorized to comment publically given that this bill is outside the scope of GR 12.1.

Death Penalty: bill TBD

- No reported bill number; this discussion will be further postponed until next week.

Deadly Force: bill TBD

- Bill has not been introduced; Alison explained that the cutoff day is Feb. 5 and if there is no bill number or further progression then it will be taken off the BOG agenda for discussion.

Outreach Activities:

- Alison provided a follow-up to last week that legislative outreach will continue in order to build a strong foundation of support for the short- and long-term.
- Alison speaks weekly with Rep. Jinkins and Sen. Pederson further adding to positive relations and opportunities for legislative action.

Additional Information:

- Alison mentioned that the Labor & Employment Section asked for a discontinuation in bill referrals and it was also expressed that they are not interested in participating in any legislative action.
- Gov. Brady made a motion to table this conversation for this week's full BOG meeting; no objections.

Gov. Hayes made a motion for the meeting to adjourn; seconded by Gov. Cava; no objections.

Meeting adjourned by Gov. Brady at 4:48PM on Monday, January 25, 2016.