

# WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

## Well-Being Taskforce Meeting Minutes

May 5<sup>th</sup> , 2025, 4:00pm-5:30pm Hosted on Zoom

**Task Force members in attendance:** Justin Bingham (Chair), Darcel Lobo, Emily Arneson, Ghousia Rahim, Susan Lee, Kyle Sciuchetti, Sara Smucker Barnwell, Judge Michael Finkle (partial)

**Absent:** Melissa Berry, Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis, BOG Liaison Allison Widney, Laura Moss

**WSBA Staff:** Adely Ruiz, Dan Crystal, Kevin Plachy,

**Others:** Marci Comeau, Annasara Purcell, Matt Thiese

### Minutes

- Approval of April's meeting minutes
  - Emily Arneson moved to approve the April meeting minutes, with Kyle Sciuchetti seconding the motion. The motion passed without opposition.
  - Susan Lee abstained, as she did not attend the April meeting.
- [Well-Being Week in Law](#) 5/5-5/9
  - Dan and Adely discussed the Well-Being week in law initiative and the programming they are offering during the week.
- Justin, Emily, Kevin, and Dan spoke about the interim report to the BOG on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, as well as the questions/ comments made by BOG members.
- Survey updates
  - Matt reported some of the focal points that are being analyzed in the survey
  - Kevin requested taskforce members submit analysis questions by end of the week in order to provide Matt additional direction in his analysis.
- Justin reminded taskforce members of the Law Student/ New Attorney, Private Practice, and Survey workgroups that their workgroups are reconvening during the month of June.

- Justin told the workgroups they should incorporate the survey results into their final reports.
- Workgroups met in breakout rooms for 60 minutes and identified report writers, organized mini-survey results, selected recommendations for the final report, and reviewed the timeline for workgroup completion.
- Workgroup reported out their breakout discussions.
  - Suicide and Addiction workgroup reported the timeline for their workgroup and analysis of survey results. They will meet multiple times in the month of May, with their first meeting set for Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Government and Legal Aid workgroup reported progress on the final report and their plan to finish it on time.
  - Kevin Plachy provided guidance on report writing, including expectations for the inclusion of recommendations to the BOG.
- Adjourned 5:32