

## WSBA BUSINESS LAW SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### **DRAFT** Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** June 21, 2023, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

**Attendance:**

Christina Catzoela, Chair	Eric DeJong, CARC Co-Chair	Kelly Lawton-Abbott, Treasurer, At-Large Member, and P&DSL Cmte Co-Chair
Jim Bishop, Chair Elect	Greg Fox, UCC Cmte Chair	
Joanna Carey Cleveland, Secretary	Michael Hutchings, CARC Co-Chair	Carolyn MacGregor, WSBA
Ronak Chokhani, Young Business Lawyers Cmte Chair	Shaina Johnson, Immediate Past Chair	

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Christina called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

A majority of the voting members of the executive committee constitutes a quorum at all meetings of the executive committee. Nine voting members were present. There was a quorum for voting purposes.

**3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Minutes from the March 2023 meeting were approved.

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Only Mini-CLE expenses so far. There is \$7,000 remaining in the budget.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

a. None

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Bar Sponsorship for 2024 Legislation

July 1 deadline for the program/sponsorship paperwork.

b. 2024 Business Law Section Budget

Budget is due on July 3. Please email officers if any requests, ideally by June 26.

c. Sponsor a Lawyer or Student to Attend the ABA Business Conference

Conference is from 9/7-9/9 in Chicago. Money available: \$900 for professional development, \$6,000 for scholarships, grants. Committee discussed possible opportunity for young lawyer and Ronak will explore.

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Corporate Act Revision Committee (Mike Hutchings/Eric DeJong)

Expect proposal later this summer to revamp Chapter 11 of Business Act (merger and share exchange) and reflect the changes as shown in 2016 Model Act. It may be a challenge to finalize with just the two co-chairs, but they are staying optimistic. They will submit the legislative cover sheet.

- b. Financial Institutions Committee (Vacant)  
No report.
- c. Legal Opinions Committee (Scott MacCormack)  
No report.
- d. Nonprofit Corporations Committee (David Lawson)  
No report.
- e. Partnership & LLC Law Committee (Elisabeth Yandell McNeil/Matthew LeMaster)  
No report.
- f. Communications Committee (Vacant)  
No report.
- g. Securities Law Committee (Andrew Ledbetter)  
No report.
- h. Uniform Commercial Code Committee (Gregory Fox)  
The Legislature passed the amendments and they were signed into law in May.
- i. Young Lawyer Liaison (Thomas Garvey)  
No report.
- j. Privacy and Data Security Law Committee (Jeff Hamilton/Kelly Anne Lawton-Abbott)  
Successful CLE program recently. Next program will be on September 13. The P&DSL Committee is adding new members.
- k. Young Business Lawyers Committee (Ronak Chokhani)  
The YVLC is hoping to plan a networking event, and will be meeting with Kelly regarding the budget.

**8. OTHER**

- a. Election Slate Update (Carolyn MacGregor)  
Voting closed earlier this week. Results will be sent to the Chair within the next week to follow up with candidates. New members will be posted on the website by the end of July, and officially assume roles as of October 1.

**9. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

No additional items.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanna Carey Cleveland  
Secretary

Minutes Approved by the Business Law Section Executive Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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Secretary