

**Philadelphia Bar Association  
Board of Governors Meeting  
September 28, 2021  
Meeting held via Zoom**

Chancellor Lauren McKenna called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and provided a welcome and turned the meeting over to Board Chair Riley Ross III.

The Minutes from the August 26, 2021, Board meeting were considered. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Next, the Board received the Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31, 2021. Treasurer Matthew Olesh provided the report. He told the Board that projected revenue is behind budget by approximately \$171,000. Treasurer Olesh stated that collections on membership dues are behind by approximately \$69,000, which is slightly ahead of where the Association was a year ago at the same time, and that CLE revenue is behind budget by \$5,000, which is noteworthy considering the implementation of the free CLE benefit that was implemented this year. Treasurer Olesh reported that the Association is below budget on expenses by approximately \$231,000, due, in part, to the employee retention tax credit.

The Board did not have any questions for Treasurer Olesh. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Assistant Secretary Michael T. van der Veen then provided the Board with information regarding the annual requirement for each Board member to commit to *pro bono* work and to submit a *pro bono* certification. Assistant Secretary van der Veen also provided the Board with a reminder to complete the Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan Checklist.

The Board next heard from Chancellor McKenna on a diversity survey which will be distributed in the coming week. Chancellor McKenna told the Board that she is appreciative of the guidance provided by the Chancellor's Diversity Advisory Panel, which includes Chair Ross, and that the survey is an effort to understand and track all of the diversity and inclusion efforts throughout the Association, including the initiatives of individual sections and committees. Chair Ross commented about the need for the survey and his experience with the Diversity Advisory Panel.

Executive Director Harvey Hurdle Jr. provided the Board with his report. He told the Board that the Association staff is fully vaccinated and will be returning to the office next week. He also told the Board that the Association will be hosting the Board of the National Association of Bar Executives, who have committed to being fully vaccinated as well.

Executive Director Hurdle told the Board that he expects the deficit in membership dues to be reduced in the coming months due to an anticipated payment from a large firm and an uptick in attorney interest in voting in the upcoming Association elections. Executive Director Hurdle also provided the Board with an update on efforts to understand the deficit in LRIS revenue beyond the significant impact from the extended closure of the court system.

Executive Director Hurdle also provided the Board with an update on the institutional partner initiative and stated that the recent announcement of Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School

of Law became the first intuitional partner has had the hoped for impact of generating interest from other institutions.

Executive Director Hurdle updated the Board on the strategic planning process and the work around re-engaging the firm which helped with the process last year. He stated that the goal is to have the plan rolled out at the January Board retreat. He provided an update on the development of a new website as well.

Next, the Board heard from Chair of the Business Law Section, Ernest Holtzheimer who told the Board about his commitments as a member of the Board.

Chair Ross had no announcements.

Chancellor McKenna provided the following updates and announcements:

- Chancellor McKenna commented about the strategic action plan and the goal to have it completed by the end of the year.
- Chancellor McKenna provided an update on the Bench Bar Conference.
- Chancellor McKenna told the Board about the New York City Bar Association's recent call for other bar associations to get involved with the issue of protecting voting rights. She stated it is something the Association intends to pursue and that there have been preliminary discussions about what role the Association may play in this effort.
- Chancellor McKenna commented on the State Civil event last week honoring Judge Marlene Lachman and also told the Board that she, Chancellor-Elect Wesley R. Payne, IV, and Vice Chancellor Marc Zucker will be attending the investiture of Justice Max Baer next week in Pittsburgh.
- Chancellor McKenna told the Board that planning for 2022 has already begun and that she anticipates a smooth transition.
- Chancellor McKenna told the Board that there is a need for increased interest for people to run for the Board and she encouraged the Board members to solicit others to consider to run for a position on the Board.
- Chancellor McKenna formally welcomed and acknowledged Albert Dandridge, who recently took over the position as editor of the *Philadelphia Lawyer* magazine.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Stackow  
Secretary

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**Attendance**

**Voting members present:**

Lauren P. McKenna	Eileen G. Murphy
Wesley R. Payne, IV	Scott S. Small
Marc J. Zucker	Ying Zhou
Michael J. Stackow	Wendi Barish
Michael T. van der Veen	Ernest Holtzheimer
Matthew S. Olesh	Maureen Farrell
Jennifer S. Coatsworth	Arly Smith-Pearson
Riley Ross	Joyce C. Sun
Kristine Calalang	James R. Malone, Jr.
Bethany R. Nikitenko	Denise M. Mandi
Erin Lamb	Mark Mazzanti
Craig R. Levin	Hon. A. Michael Snyder
Andre J. Webb	Lauren M. Banton
Melanie J. Foreman	Marissa Bluestine
Angella Middleton	

**Absent:**

Diane Penneys Edelman	Nipun J. Patel
Lawrence S. Felzer	P. Michael Jones
Dino Privitera	Jordan Stokovsky
Neelima Vanguri	Nicholas S. Kamau
Damaris Garcia	Reginald T. Shuford
P. Douglas Sisk	

**Non-voting members present:**

Lawrence J. Beaser	Harvey Hurdle
Abraham C. Reich	

**Absent:**

Meredith S. Auten  
Butler Buchanan, III

**Invited guests present:**

Albert S. Dandridge III  
Louis S. Rulli