

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**

President Barnes called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. on Friday, August 21, 2020 via videoconference.

Commissioners present:

David C. Anderson	E. Thomas McCarthy Jr.
Dennis M. Barnes, President	Joseph P. McGill
Joseph J. Baumann	Valerie R. Newman
Robert J. Buchanan, President-Elect	Nicholas M. Ohanesian
Aaron V. Burrell	Samantha J. Orvis
B.D. "Chris" Christenson	Hon. David A. Perkins
Josephine A. DeLorenzo	Barry R. Powers
Thomas H. Howlett	Daniel D. Quick, Treasurer
Lisa J. Hamameh	Chelsea M. Rebeck
Kara R. Hart-Negrich	Thomas G. Sinas
James W. Heath, Secretary	Gregory L. Ulrich
Sarah E. Kuchon	Dana M. Warnez, Vice President
Suzanne C. Larsen	Erane C. Washington
James W. Low	Mark A. Wisniewski

Commissioners Absent:

Danielle Mason Anderson	Hon. Shauna L. Dunnings
Erika L. Butler	Ryan Zemke
Hon. Clinton Canady III	

State Bar staff present:

Janet Welch, Executive Director
Margaret Bossenbery, Executive Coordinator
Peter Cunningham, Assistant Executive Director and Director, Governmental Relations
Michelle Erskine, Research Assistant & Event Specialist
Tatiana Goodkin, Chief Financial Officer
Kathryn Hennessey, General Counsel
Carrie Sharlow, Administrative Assistant
Janna Sheppard, Administrative Assistant
Becky Weaver, Financial Services Manager

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

President and Executive Director's Report: Dennis M. Barnes, President and Janet K. Welch, Executive Director

Mr. Barnes and Ms. Welch reported that notice was given at the last meeting for the following proposed bylaw amendments:

1. A motion was offered that Bylaw Article VIII, Section 1 be amended so that the committee annual reports are due on November 1 following the end of the fiscal year as follows:

Every Section and State Bar entity so directed by the Board of Commissioners or Representative Assembly shall annually make a written report containing a summary of its activities during the ~~association~~ fiscal year which shall be submitted to the Secretary on or before **November 1 of the next fiscal year** ~~May 31~~. Annual reports may not exceed five 8 1/2" x 11" pages unless a waiver of this limitation is approved by the Executive Director.

The motion was seconded and approved.

2. A motion was offered that Bylaw Article III, Section 1, be amended to remove one seat from District H and add one seat to District I as follows:

Each district shall be entitled to elect one Commissioner with the exception of District C, which shall be entitled to elect two Commissioners; District E, which shall be entitled to elect two Commissioners; District H, which shall be entitled to elect ~~five~~ **four** Commissioners; and District I, which shall be entitled to elect ~~six~~ **seven** Commissioners.

The motion was seconded and approved.

3. A motion was offered that Bylaw Article III, Section 1 be amended to move Barry Judicial Circuit from District E to District F as follows:

There shall be nine Commissioner election districts composed of the judicial circuits indicated:

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District E—~~5th~~, 8th, 29th, 30th, 35th, 44th, 56th

District F—1st, 2nd, ~~5th~~, 9th, 15th, 36th, 37th, 43rd, 45th, 48th

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The motion was seconded and approved.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEES

Finance: Daniel M. Quick, Chairperson

Mr. Quick and Ms. Welch presented the FY 2021 budget and responded to questions and received comments from Board members.

A motion was offered to adopt the FY 2021 budget. The motion was seconded and approved.

Other

Comments or questions from Commissioners

There were none.

Comments or questions from the public

There were none.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.