

**Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Governors Meeting
December 17, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Chair Brad V. Shuttleworth.

Initially, Chair Shuttleworth requested that the Board have a moment of silence for those who lost their lives during the shooting in San Bernardino, California on December 2, 2015.

Upon consideration by the Board, the minutes of the November 19, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Wesley R. Payne, IV presented the Financial Report for the period ending November 30, 2015. Payne reported that there was a total shortfall of approximately \$15,000 through the month of November, which was largely due to the membership dues being under budget by approximately \$117,000 and LRIS being under budget by approximately \$67,000. Although the Association is doing a good job holding expenses, a budget deficit remains. After consideration, the Treasurer's Financial Report was unanimously accepted by the Board.

Chancellor Albert S. Dandridge, III congratulated Mary F. Platt and all of the new Officers and Board Members who were elected on December 8, 2015. Chancellor Dandridge spoke of his meetings with Philadelphia Bar Association Executive Director Mark Tarasiewicz and a number of Managing Partners of Philadelphia large law firms, and related there was a positive and productive exchange of information and ideas about firm needs, Association benefits, and membership. Chancellor Dandridge attended the Association's Large Firm Management Committee with Mayor-Elect Kenney at the Ritz Carlton, and the Mayor was an active participant. At that meeting, City Policy Committee co-chair David L. Hyman asked the Mayor what the Bar Association can offer the City, and together they discussed efforts by the Bar Association and the Barristers' Association of Philadelphia, Inc. relating to expungement clinics, and re-entry of those incarcerated following their release into Philadelphia communities to become productive citizens. The Chancellor also introduced some members of the Delivery of Legal Services Committee to the Mayor to discuss these issues. Finally, the Chancellor was interviewed by Philadelphia Inquirer reporter Craig R. McCoy on the current "Porn Gate" scandal involving Pennsylvania Attorney General Kathleen Kane relating to pornographic and offensive emails, and he stressed the need for an independent investigation.

Chair Shuttleworth thanked the Chancellor for nominating him as Board Chair, and commented on the Chancellor's giving and generous nature. Next, the Chair passed out a Survey to be completed anonymously by those present, by ranking, from numbers one through ten, what would provide them with the most to the least incentive to pay for Philadelphia Bar Association dues out-of-pocket. The Chair thanked the Board Members for their hard work and accomplishments over the the past year, and congratulated all of the newly elected Officers and Board Members.

Chancellor's Cabinet Addition - Diversity Chair Sophia Lee spoke on the Individual Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan Checklist, adopted by the Board in December 2014. Lee

reminded each Board Member of their responsibility to complete and turn in to Assistant Secretary Hon. A. Michael Snyder, by the end of 2015, a Checklist supplied by the Association, reflecting their individual activities and involvement to support and improve diverse and inclusive behavior.

Judy F. Berkman, Managing Attorney, Regional Housing Legal Services, presented on consideration of a proposed Resolution supporting House Bill 975 (Printer's No. 1231) legislation amending the Landlord Tenant Act of 1951 to provide for the accommodation of lease termination by senior citizens and individuals with disabilities. Berkman explained that the purpose of the legislative amendment is to afford early lease terminations for persons with disabilities and senior citizens who are awaiting admission and subsequently move to a health care facility or need to move and subsequently move to a family member's residence to receive care from a health care agency for at least six months. The Bill is supported by the Public Interest Section; Delivery of Legal Services Committee; Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities Committee; and, Real Property Section. Berkman related that Pennsylvania has one of the highest number of seniors in the nation, and six other jurisdictions have passed similar legislation. Regional Housing Legal Services supports the Bill with certain improvements, including changing the age in the Bill from 62 to 60 so it is consistent with other federally and state funded care programs. George Gould, Managing Attorney of the Energy Unit and former Managing Attorney of the Housing Unit at Community Legal Services, also spoke in support of the Bill. Berkman thanked Nathan Farris, a student at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, for his efforts on this issue. Upon consideration by the Board, the Resolution was unanimously approved.

Next, Berkman presented on consideration of a proposed Resolution Supporting House Bill 1051 (Printer's No. 1369) legislation amending the Landlord Tenant Act of 1951 to protect the safety of tenants who are survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. Berkman explained the Bill would allow for early lease termination for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking, and would also allow them to request the landlord to change the locks since 52% of sexual assaults take place at an individual's own residence. Berkman advised that approximately 26 or more states have passed similar legislation to protect survivors, and 17 states enable a request to a landlord to change the locks. In 2012, Philadelphia effectuated a fair housing ordinance allowing survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault to terminate a lease early without penalty, but the present goal is to provide protection statewide and to ensure that any state law would not impose more restrictive language than the Philadelphia law. The Bill is supported by the Public Interest Section; Delivery of Legal Services Committee; Family Law Section; Women's Rights Committee; and, Real Property Section. Berkman thanked Managing Attorney for Housing Law at Community Legal Services, Rasheedah Phillips, for her assistance with this effort. Upon consideration by the Board, the Resolution was unanimously approved.

Civil Rights Committee Co-Chair Molly Tack Hooper presented for consideration a proposed Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 997 (Printer's No. 1384) on "Sanctuary Cities." Hooper explained that an immigration detainer (also known as an "ICE detainer") is a document commonly issued by the Federal Immigration Authority to a local law enforcement agency or detention facility requesting that an individual be held longer than planned pending an

investigation of their immigration status. In 2010, the ACLU sued Allentown and Lehigh County, claiming that prisoner Ernesto Galarza was held for three days without cause. On March 4, 2014, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit held that ICE detainers are requests but not binding. Thereafter, on July 1, 2015, Kathryn Steinle was shot and killed in San Francisco, California by an illegal immigrant who had previously been deported on five different occasions, causing debate over San Francisco being a “Sanctuary City” by not inquiring about an individual’s immigration status. Senate Bill 997 was designed to punish any county or municipality in Pennsylvania that does not honor ICE detainers by withholding various grant funding and by holding them vicariously liable for any resulting crimes. Hooper said that ICE detainers force counties to choose between lost funding and being held liable for damages, while risking losing the trust of local immigrant communities. She further commented that, when the police are viewed in an immigration authority role, witnesses fail to report crimes, which ultimately compromises public safety. She stressed the Bill’s goal to stop these practices and, instead, move back to working with immigration authorities. The Bill is supported by the Public Interest Section; Civil Rights Committee; Criminal Justice Section; and, Immigration Committee. She reported further that the Asian Pacific American Bar Association also passed a nearly identical resolution. Upon consideration by the Board, the Resolution was unanimously approved.

The Chancellor presented plaques to honor outgoing Board of Governors Members and Officers for their service to the Board and to the Association, including to Rachel Branson, Rachel Gallegos, Rachel Kopp, Emily B. Marks, Dawn M. Tancredi, Honorable Nycole E. Watson, Eric H. Weitz, Graham R. Laub, Robert J. Casey, Jr. , Su Ming Yeh, Steven D. Rothberg, Maria E. Bermudez, M. Kelly Tillery, Molly Peckman, Robert W. Muench, Heather J. Austin, Vivian Luckiewicz, Hilda Thompson, Wesley R. Payne, IV and Honorable A. Michael Snyder.

The Chancellor also announced appointments to the Philadelphia VIP Board of Shawn O’Neill, Andrew Boczkowski and Robert Tintner. The appointments were unanimously approved.

Chancellor Dandridge reflected on the past year and commended the hard work of the Association Board and Staff. He thanked Chair Shuttleworth for his service to the Board, and presented the Chair with a gavel in appreciation of his dedication, hard work and efforts. The Chancellor also thanked the Chair for his work at the Habitat for Humanity project along with other members who participated.

Chair Shuttleworth wished the Board a happy and healthy holiday season!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,
Jacqueline G. Segal
Secretary

Board of Governors
Attendance
December 17, 2015

Voting Members:
Present:

Albert Dandridge
Deborah Gross
Jacqueline Segal
Hon. A. Michael Snyder
Wesley Payne
Mary Platt
Brad Shuttleworth
Lauren McKenna
Natalie Klyashtorny
Emily Marks
Dawn Tancredi

Lawrence Felzer
Kathleen Kirkpatrick
Jeremy Menkowitz
Erin Siciliano
Ira Lefton
Julia Swain
Myisha Lacey-Tilson
William Fedullo
Robert Muench
Su Ming Yeh
Robert Casey

Absent:

Gaetan Alfano
Rachel Gallegos
Rachel Kopp
Rahat Babar
Peter Newman
Kevin Mincey
Jeffrey Rosenthal
Rachel Keene
Eric Weitz

Maria Bermudez
Erin Lamb
Graham Laub
Scott Small
Dina Ronsayro
Steven Rothberg
Jennifer O'Leary
Joseph Turchi

Non-voting Members:

Present:

Jennifer Coatsworth
Mark Taraseiewicz
Lawrence Beaser
Kathleen Wilkinson

Sophia Lee
Louis Rulli
Vivian Luckiewicz
Steven Sher

Absent:

Molly Peckman
Rachel Branson
Steven Bizar
Heather Austin
Andrew Laver
Hilda Thompson
Cheryl Disch
Butler Buchanan

