

**Philadelphia Bar Association  
Board of Governors Meeting  
January 19, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m. at the Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey by Chancellor Mary Platt.

Chancellor Platt nominated Katayun I. Jaffari as Board chair for a one-year term. A motion to approve the nomination carried unanimously. Chair Jaffari then called upon Chancellor-elect Rochelle Fedullo, who nominated Amber M. Racine as vice chair of the Board for a one-year term. A motion to approve the nomination carried unanimously.

Chancellor Platt then announced additional appointments to the Board: Alisha Lubin and Dominique B.E. Ward, each to a 3-year term on the Board pursuant to Sections 208(A)(6) and 208(C) of the Association bylaws, and Larry Beaser, reappointed as an ex officio non-voting Counsel to the Board for a one-year term pursuant to Section 208(D) of the Association bylaws.

Chancellor Platt also announced her appointment of Shelly Beaser as lay member of the Commission on Judicial Selection & Retention, for a two-year term. The appointment was approved unanimously. Chancellor Platt announced the appointment of Teresa Ficken Sachs as chair of the Commission for a one-year term. The appointment was approved unanimously. Chancellor-elect Fedullo announced the appointment of William Fedullo as vice chair of the Commission for a one-year term.

Chancellor Platt announced the appointment of Julia Swain as treasurer to the Campaign for Qualified Judges for a one-year term. The appointment was approved unanimously.

Chancellor Platt also announced two appointments to the Cabinet: Priscilla Jimenez as Diversity Chair and outgoing Chancellor Deborah R. Gross as Pro Bono Advisor.

Chancellor Platt announced the re-appointment of former Chancellor Gaetan J. Alfano as chair of the Lawyer Referral & Information Service (LRIS).

Chancellor Platt announced two appointments to a three-year term on the board of the Volunteers for the Indigent (VIP): Lindsay Ann Barci and Sara Velazquez Ponessa. A motion to approve the appointments carried unanimously. Chancellor Platt also announced two appointments to fill unexpired terms through the end of 2018 on the VIP Board: Connie Lee and Katharyn "Kat" McGee. A motion to approve the appointments carried unanimously.

Chair Jaffari announced the appointment of incoming Board member Ben Barnett to a three-year term on the Board's Human Resources/Personnel Advisory Committee. A motion to approve the appointments carried unanimously. Chair Jaffari also announced the appointment of James Funt to fill the unexpired term of Maureen Farrell, ending December 31, 2018, on the same committee. A motion to approve the appointments carried unanimously.

Chair Jaffari reminded those present that, in accordance with the Association's [Conflict of Interest Policy](#), all members of the Board of Governors, both voting and non-voting, must sign the [Conflict of Interest Acknowledgement Form](#) and deliver it to Board Secretary Marc J. Zucker or Charles J. Klitsch, Director of Public and Legal Services.

After discussing ground rules for Board meetings, Chair Jaffari adjourned the business portion of the retreat at approximately 10:21 a.m. The Board then remained with the additional bar leaders for the 2018 Bar Leaders Retreat.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc J. Zucker  
Secretary

**Board of Governors Attendance  
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**Voting members present:**

Mary F. Platt  
Rochelle M. Fedullo  
Hon. A. Michael Snyder (Ret.)  
Marc Zucker  
Jennifer Coatsworth  
Regina M. Foley  
Matthew Olesh  
Katayun Jaffari  
Amber Racine  
Maureen Farrell  
James Funt  
Wendy Hess  
Teresa Rodriguez  
Adam Taylor  
Susan Lin

Hon. Sandra M. Moss (Ret.)  
Maureen Olives  
Meghan Claiborne  
Francesca Iacovangelo  
Nicholas Kamau  
Alisha Lubin  
Michael van der Veen  
Dominique Ward  
Kevin Mincey  
Vincent Barbera  
Michaella Tassinari  
Ann Funge  
Timothy Holman  
Molly Tack-Hooper  
David Shapiro

**Absent:**

Edward Beitz  
Angela Giampolo  
Neil Maskeri  
Jennifer Seme  
Benjamin Barnett  
Deborah Gross

Eric Siegel  
James Berardinelli  
Jill Jenkins  
Erin Siciliano  
Hon. Tina M. Rago

**Non-voting members present:**

Mark Tarasiewicz  
Priscilla Jimenez

Butler Buchanan  
Wesley Payne

**Absent:**

Lawrence Beaser  
Gaetan Alfano  
Thomas Brophy  
Niki Ingram  
Mary-Kate Martin

Harry Reichner  
Patricia Infanti  
Robyn Addis  
Abraham Reich