

**Philadelphia Bar Association  
Special Board of Governors Meeting  
June 29, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Chair Regina Foley, who thanked the Board for being available for a Special Board of Governors Meeting.

Chancellor Rudy Garcia also thanked the Board for being available on short notice and just one day before a regularly-scheduled board meeting. Chancellor Garcia noted that two members of the Board, Nikki Johnson-Huston and Melanie Taylor, have recused themselves from the meeting in light of their employment with the City of Philadelphia and the discussion that would ensue involving possible action against the City of Philadelphia. Chancellor Garcia invited other members of the Board to consider whether they have a conflict of interest and whether recusal would also be appropriate. Danielle Banks and Kathleen Wilkinson also recused themselves.

Chancellor Garcia provided background for the purpose of the special meeting. He explained that the Association had formed a task force to evaluate the proposed regulations to implement Philadelphia's Lobbying Ordinance. He also explained that, initially, the task force was co-chaired by Larry Beaser and Pedro Ramos, but that Mr. Ramos has since stepped down due to a recent appointment to a governmental position. Mr. Beaser is now chair of the task force.

Chancellor Garcia described Philadelphia's Lobbying Ordinance as being overbroad, in that its definition of "lobbying" could include a wide range of activities that lawyers regularly engage in when practicing law. The Lobbying Ordinance also requires registration, a \$500 fee and quarterly reports disclosing contacts made during that quarter, which disclosures could violate rules of professional conduct.

Chancellor Garcia noted that the Association has been working hard to address these issues and to delay implementation of the proposed regulations, including submission of detailed letters to the Board of Ethics, testifying before the Board of Ethics, approaching City Council before it adjourned for summer recess, and meeting with the City Solicitor and the City's Chief Integrity Officer.

It was agreed that further discussion about this matter would take place in executive session and that such discussion should be considered attorney-client privileged and work product protected.

Following executive session, a motion was made and seconded, as follows:

Resolved, that the Board of Governors authorizes the Chancellor, on behalf of the Philadelphia Bar Association, (1) to take such action as is necessary, including but not limited to legal action in courts of law, to prevent the implementation of Philadelphia's Lobbying Ordinance, as currently interpreted by the Proposed Regulations of the Board of Ethics; and (2) to take such other actions as are necessary, in the judgment of the

Chancellor, to protect the interests of Association members and the public with respect to implementation of the Lobbying Ordinance and the Proposed Regulations.

After consideration by the Board, the motion was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sophia Lee  
Secretary

Board of Governors  
Attendance  
June 29, 2011

*Present:*

Rudy Garcia  
John Savoth  
Kathleen Wilkinson  
Sophia Lee  
Jacqueline Segal  
Joseph Prim  
Wesley Payne  
Regina Foley  
Brandi Brice  
Larry Beaser  
Jeffrey Campolongo  
Sean Sullivan  
Kimberly Ruch-Alegant

Stacy Tees  
Brian Chacker  
John Encarnacion  
Gina Rubel  
Carolyn Chopko  
Thomas Fitzpatrick  
Julia Swain  
Ourania Papademetriou  
Cheryl Gaston  
David Prewitt

*Absent:*

William Fedullo  
Richard Harris  
Michael Shaffer  
Pedro Ramos  
Scott Sigman  
H. Marc Tepper  
Scott Reid

Marc Zucker  
Scott Cooper  
Richard Seidel  
Sandra Jeskie  
Judith Stein  
George Nagle  
Hon. A. Michael Snyder

*Recused:*

Danielle Banks  
Nikki Johnson-Huston

Melanie Taylor