

**Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Governors Meeting
January 19, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Chancellor Fedullo at 10:10am.

Chancellor Fedullo provided a welcome and opening remarks.

Chancellor Fedullo announced that pursuant to the Bylaws, at the first meeting of the year, a Chair and a Vice Chair of the Board must be selected. Chancellor Fedullo nominated **Amber Racine** to be Chair of the Board of Governors for a one-year term. The nomination received a second and there was no discussion or other nominations. A vote was held and Amber Racine was unanimously elected Chair of the Board of Governors.

Chair Racine called for nominations of a Vice Chair. Chancellor-Elect Snyder nominated **Nicholas Kamau** to be Vice Chair of the Board of Governors for a one-year term. There was a second to the nomination. There were no other nominations or discussion and Vice Chair Kamau was elected unanimously.

Chair Racine recognized Chancellor Fedullo, who announced the following appointments that did not require Board approval: **Lawrence Felzer** and **Neelima Vanguri** as minority appointments, each to a 3-year term on the Board of Governors. Chancellor Fedullo also made the following appointments for a one-year term, which also do not require Board approval:

Reginald Shuford as Diversity Chair.
Larry Beaser as counsel to the Board of Governors.
Jacqueline Segal as Parliamentarian.
Hon. Sandra M. Moss as Judicial Liaison and Advisor.

Chancellor Fedullo was also recognized by the Chair to make the following appointments to the Cabinet pursuant to Bylaw Section 3.14, which requires Board approval of appointees to the Cabinet who are not Board Members, but will advise the Board and all received a second to their nominations and were unanimously approved:

Louis S. Rulli as Access to Justice Advisor.
Priscilla Jimenez as Community Outreach and Engagement Advisor.
Mark Aronchick as Special Advisor to the Chancellor.

Chancellor Fedullo also presented the following appointments to the Judicial Commission that require Board approval, all of whom were unanimously approved:

Judge Lydia Kirkland (ret.) for a 4-year term.
Annette McDaniel Turner – Lay member for a 2-year term.
Marlene Olshan – Lay member for a 1-year term.
Colleen France – Lay member for a 1-year term

Chancellor Fedullo announced appointment of Chair of Judicial Commission, Teresa Ficken Sachs, for a 1-year term, which does not require Board approval.

Chair Racine recognized Chancellor-Elect Snyder, who announced the appointment of a Vice Chair of the Judicial Commission, William Fedullo, for a one-year term, which does not require Board approval.

Chair Racine then recognized Chancellor Fedullo again for appointments to the Board of Trustees of the Campaign for Qualified Judges, which require Board approval, and all received seconds to their nomination and were unanimously approved:

William Fedullo – Chair for a 1-year term.

Matthew Olesh - Vice Chair for a 1-year term

Julie Swain - Treasurer for a 1-year term.

Chancellor Fedullo also announced her appointments to the Board of Directors of the Jenkins Memorial Law Library, each for a one-year term, which requires Board approval, and all received seconds to their nomination and were unanimously approved:

Theodore Simon.

Patricia Cramer.

Robert J. LaRocca.

Chair Racine made her appointment to the Human Resources/Personnel Advisory Committee, which requires Board approval, and Riley Ross was unanimously approved for a 3-year term.

Chair Racine advised that pursuant to the revised Bylaws, which were passed at the October meeting of the Association, which occurred at Bench Bar, read the Organization's Mission and introduced the new Oath for the Board's consideration. She explained that Section 3.10.1 of the new Bylaws states: "Each year, all Board Members shall take or subscribe to an oath or affirmation of office, as prescribed by the Board." She advised that we could change the language of the Oath next year, if we decide it is not effective for whatever reason. Thereafter, Chair Racine read the proposed Oath, called for Motion, which was given and seconded and unanimously approved. The oath was then administered.

The Chair then recognized Chancellor Fedullo to present the Resolution to Renew "Highly Recommended" Rating for Judicial Candidates. Chancellor Fedullo began by explaining the history, and noted that for many years the only ratings given were Recommended or Not Recommended, but in 2014, the Association instituted a new rating of Highly Recommended to recognize those candidates that were truly exceptional. However, the rating was only effective for a trial basis, which expired at the end of 2018. It is a tool that is very powerful for the Judicial Commission and Chancellor Fedullo recommended it should be made permanent. Charlie Klitsch explained that to receive the Highly Recommended rating, 90% of the voting members of

the Commission present must vote to rate the candidate Highly Recommended. There was a Motion to approve the resolution, which received a second and the resolution passed unanimously. A link to the resolution can be found [here](#).

Chair Racine explained that all members of the Board of Governors, both voting and non-voting, must sign the Conflict of Interest Acknowledgement Form and instructed everyone to read and sign the distributed forms and provide the executed versions to Secretary Jennifer Coatsworth or Charlie Klitsch.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer S. Coatsworth
Secretary

**Board of Governors Attendance
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Voting members present

Rochelle Fedullo	Michael van der Veen
Hon. A. Michael Snyder (Ret.)	Dominique Ward
Lauren McKenna	Diane Penneys Edelman
Jennifer Coatsworth	Lawrence Felzer
Ira Lefton	Dino Privitera
Marc Zucker	Riley Ross
Matthew Olesh	P. Douglas Sisk
Amber Racine	Hillary Ladov
Nicholas Kamau	Marcel Pratt
Katayun Jaffari	Leon Goodman
Neil Maskeri	Kris Calalang
Maureen Olives	Maureen Farrell
Benjamin Barnett	Mark Mazzanti
Meghan Claiborne	Mary Platt
Francesca Iacovangelo	
Alisha Rodriguez	

Absent:

Susan Lin	Michaella Tassinari
Hon. Sandra Mazer Moss (Ret.)	Brenda Marrero
Jennifer Seme	Alexander Barth
James Berardinelli	Erin Siciliano
Neelima Vanguri	Cheryl Upham

Reginald Shuford

Non-voting members present:

Lawrence Beaser

Leslie John

Wesley Payne

Harvey Hurdle

Absent:

Abraham Reich

Butler Buchanan

Invited guests present:

Priscilla Jimenez

Louis Rulli

James Malone