



The State Bar of California

Legal Services Trust Fund Commission (LSTFC) Executive Committee Meeting

Teleconference

Open Session Minutes
Tuesday, April 25, 2023
3:00–4:00 p.m.

Time Meeting Commenced: The LSTFC Executive Committee meeting commenced in open session at 3:02 p.m.
Time Meeting Adjourned: 3:29 p.m.
Chair: Christian Schreiber
Committee Coordinator: Doan Nguyen
Members Present: Amin Al-Sarraf, Erica Connolly, Christian Schreiber
Members Absent: None

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order

The LSTFC Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Schreiber.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and quorum was established. Chair Schreiber invited members of the public to comment on any items on the agenda. No public comment was made.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Approval of Meeting Summary and Action Items from March 7, 2023

The committee approved the March 7, 2023, meeting summary and action items by unanimous roll call vote (Al-Sarraf moved, Connolly seconded).

4. Discussion and Action Items

4.1 Review and Approve the 2023 Law School Fellowship Grants Awards Recommendations

The State Bar received 38 applications from 37 programs for a total of 170 fellows. The total amount requested was \$1.6 million. Program Director Elizabeth Hom presented the Law School Fellowship Grants Committee recommendation that 37 organizations receive a 2023 Law School Fellowship award. The committee recommends a scenario that would fund a significant

number of fellows—76 individuals at 37 providers. The Law School Fellowship Grants Committee considered statutory priorities such as encouraging a career in legal aid and serving rural and underserved communities.

Program Director Hom also presented a recommendation for reallocating funds if a grantee is unable to hire a fellow by June 1, 2023. The Law School Fellowship Grants Committee recommends that State Bar staff reallocate returned or declined funds to applicants based on the next highest score and/or next highest scoring funding preferences.

State Bar staff then presented the resolution below. When voting, Commissioner Al-Sarraf abstained with respect to Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. Chair Schreiber abstained with respect to Impact Fund:

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission with delegated authority from the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission and upon recommendation by the Law School Fellowship Grants Committee approves the 2023 Law School Fellowship Grants recipients and awards described as funding scenario #2 in the April 25, 2023 memorandum.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Executive Committee of the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission with delegated authority from the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission and upon recommendation by the Law School Fellowship Grants Committee delegates authority to staff to reallocate any returned or declined 2023 Law School Fellowship Grant funds to applicants based on an analysis of the next overall highest scoring applicants and/or applicants with the next highest scoring funding preferences.

Moved by Connolly, seconded by Al-Sarraf.

Ayes – (3) Al-Sarraf, Connolly, Schreiber

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (0)

Absent – (0)

Motion carries.

ADJOURN