



The State Bar of California

Board Executive Committee Hybrid

Open Session Minutes
Thursday, May 18, 2023
9:04 a.m.–9:19 a.m.

Time Meeting Commenced: The Board Executive Committee meeting commenced in open session at 9:04 a.m.

Time Meeting Adjourned: 9:19 a.m.

Chair: Ruben Duran

Committee Coordinator: Louisa Ayrapetyan

Members Present: Hailyn Chen, José Cisneros, Gregory Knoll, Arnold Sowell Jr., Brandon Stallings

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ellin Davtyan, Leah Wilson

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ROLL CALL

The Board Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Duran. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Duran called for public comment, inquiring as to whether there were person(s) who wished to comment on any agenda item. The following comment was provided to the committee:

1. Michael Sternberg:
Michael Sternberg addressed the Board, expressing concern over the State Bar's complaint process and its refusal to accept evidence or investigate. Mr. Sternberg further expressed his dissatisfaction with the State Bar's website, specifically regarding file limitations that accompany complaints.

I. CHAIR'S REPORT

Oral report.

II. MINUTES

A. Approval of January 19, 2023, Open Session Minutes

Moved by Stallings, seconded by Cisneros

Ayes – (6) Chen, Cisneros, Duran, Knoll, Sowell, Stallings

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (0)

Absent – (0)

Minutes adopted.

III. BUSINESS

A. Approval of Annual Reappointment of State Bar Members to the Judicial Council of California

Presenter: Louisa Ayrapetyan, Board Secretary, Office of the Executive Director

RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees reappoint Rachel W. Hill and Gretchen M. Nelson to the Judicial Council of California for three-year terms to commence on September 14, 2023, and to expire September 14, 2026, or until further order of the Board, whichever occurs earlier.

Moved by Knoll, seconded by Stallings

Ayes – (6) Chen, Cisneros, Knoll, Sowell, Stallings, Duran

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (0)

Absent – (0)

Motion carries.

B. Approval to Fill a Vacancy on the Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission

Presenter: Bridget Gramme, Deputy Chief of Programs

RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees appoint Winnifred Gin to complete the vacant term for a resigned public member on the 2023 JNE Commission, commencing immediately, and expiring at the close of the last business meeting of the 2025 JNE Commission in April 2025, or until further order of the Board whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees appoint additional public members for the 2024 JNE Commission to fill the remaining vacancies of the eight available public member slots on the commission.

Moved by Cisneros, seconded by Stallings

Ayes – (6) Chen, Cisneros, Knoll, Sowell, Stallings, Duran

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (0)

Absent – (0)

Motion carries.

ADJOURN