



The State Bar of California

Board Executive Committee Hybrid

Open Session Minutes
Thursday, January 18, 2024
9:02 a.m.–9:13 a.m.

Time Meeting Commenced: The Board Executive Committee meeting commenced in open session at 9:02 a.m.

Time Meeting Adjourned: 9:13 a.m.

Chair: Brandon Stallings

Committee Coordinator: Louisa Ayrapetyan

Members Present: Hailyn Chen, José Cisneros, Sarah Good, Melanie Shelby, Arnold Sowell Jr., Brandon Stallings, Mark Toney

Members Absent: Genaro Trejo

Staff Present: Ellin Davtyan, Leah Wilson

OPEN SESSION

ROLL CALL

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

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Stallings 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. Person appearing to impersonate a State Bar staff member:
This person began by addressing the new year's developments, expressing satisfaction with the current state of affairs. They mentioned filing a State Bar complaint against the general counsel and exploring other avenues, including reaching out to their church. They emphasized organizing emails and pushing for an investigation by the Attorney General regarding Sixth Amendment rights violations allegedly perpetrated by the San Rafael Police Department. Questions were raised about factual allegations and the responsibilities of the State Bar Special Deputy Trial Counsel. They expressed determination to uncover alleged corruption and encouraged the executive director to take action.

I. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Stallings provided an oral report.

II. MINUTES

A. Approval of November 16, 2023, Open Session Minutes

Moved by Sowell, seconded by Cisneros

Ayes – (4) Cisneros, Sowell, Toney, Stallings

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (3) Chen, Good, Shelby

Absent – (1) Trejo

Minutes adopted.

III. BUSINESS

A. Approval State Bar Member to the Judicial Council of California Information Technology Advisory Committee

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

RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Carrie Holmes to serve on the Information Technology Advisory Committee for a three-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on January 18–19, 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 23–24, 2027, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve Smita Rajmohan as alternate member, if a midterm vacancy is created.

Moved by Sowell, seconded by Toney

Ayes – (7) Chen, Cisneros, Good, Shelby, Sowell, Toney, Stallings

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (0)

Absent – (1) Trejo

Motion carries.

B. Approval of New Member to the Lawyer Assistance Program Oversight Committee

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

RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Dr. Lisa Johnson to serve on the Lawyer Assistance Program Oversight Committee, for a four-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on January 18–19, 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board

of Trustees on September 23–24, 2027, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier.

Moved by Toney, seconded by Shelby

Ayes – (7) Chen, Cisneros, Good, Shelby, Sowell, Toney, Stallings

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (0)

Absent – (1) Trejo

Motion carries.

ADJOURN