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June 2, 2023
Meeting Minutes

1. Opening of the Meeting -**1:07 p.m. EST**
2. Call to Order - President Elijah
3. Roll Call - Governor Taylor
 - a. Excused Absences: Governor Aslan, Governor Fernandez, Governor Celeste Hankins, Governor McCorkle, Governor Myron, Governor Patel, Governor Phenelus, Governor Zbrzezni.
 - b. Unexcused Absences: Governor Nicodemi
 - c. A quorum was established.
4. Invocation – Governor Gutierrez
5. Pledge of Allegiance – Governor Graham
6. Adoption of the Agenda - President Elijah
 - a. President-Elect Patel made a revision to the agenda.
 - b. Agenda was adopted.
7. Guest Speakers
 - a. Representative Ashley Gantt: Spoke of her experience on the young lawyer board and remembering your why.
 - b. FL Bar President-Elect Designate Roland Sanchez Medina: Spoke about the importance of bar service.
 - c. ABA Young Lawyers Division Chair Joe Bond: Spoke about how the FL Bar YLD has made a national impact with many statewide initiatives.
 - d. David Bixby: Executive Director of Business Development with Lexitas
8. Program Administrator's Report - Tom Miller
9. President's Report - President Elijah
 - a. Board Member Awards
 - i. Governor Murray moved for the Outstanding New Member Award to be an annual award. Governor Sapp seconded. All in favor, no abstentions.

- ii. Governor Murray moved for the Outstanding Board Member award to be named the Iris Elijah Outstanding New Board Member Award. Governor Levine seconded. All in favor, no abstentions.
- b. Board Member Award Nominations
 - i. Most Productive Board Member Award
 - 1. Governor Morgan-Joseph nominated Rebekah Taylor and Governor Murray seconded.
 - 2. Governor Coleman nominated Governor Haley VanFleteren and Governor Pereira seconded.
 - 3. President-Elect Designate Edwards nominated Governor Sarah Morris and Governor Comparato seconded.
 - 4. Governor Dorn nominated Governor Rachel Ponte and Governor Coleman seconded.
 - 5. Governor Metz nominated Governor Giselle Gutierrez and Governor Giarratana seconded.
 - a. Governor Gutierrez declined her nomination.
 - 6. The nominees for the Most Productive Board Member Award are as follows:
 - a. Governor Rebekah Taylor
 - b. Governor Haley VanFleteren
 - c. Governor Sarah Morris
 - d. Governor Rachel Ponte
 - 7. Governor Murray moved to close nominations and Governor Dorn seconded.
 - ii. Scott E. Atwood/Ward P. Griffin Overly Loquacious Award
 - 1. President Elect Patel nominated Governor Maria McCorkle and President-Elect Designate seconded.
 - 2. Governor Metz nominated Governor Joseph Coleman and Governor Coleman seconded.
 - 3. Governor Murray nominated President Elijah.
 - a. President Elijah declined the nomination.
 - 4. Governor Coleman nominated Governor Murray and Governor Elijah seconded.
 - a. Governor Murray declined the nomination.
 - 5. The nominees for the Scott E. Atwood/Ward P. Griffin Overly Loquacious Award are as follows:
 - a. Governor Maria McCorkle
 - b. Governor Joseph Coleman
 - 6. Governor Murray moved to close nominations and Governor Sapp seconded.
 - iii. Kathy Bishop Most Distinguished Board Member
 - 1. Governor Gutierrez nominated Governor Leslie Metz and Governor Dorn seconded.

2. Governor Metz nominated Governor Giselle Gutierrez and Governor Dorn seconded.
 3. Governor Hirani nominated Governor Brandon Sapp and Governor Mutamba seconded.
 4. Governor Kibbey Smith nominated Governor Celia Dorn and Governor Willis seconded.
 5. Governor Giarratana nominated Governor Morgan-Joseph and Governor Warren seconded.
 - a. Governor Morgan-Joseph declined the nomination.
 6. Governor Willis nominated Governor Stephanie Myron and Governor Dorn seconded.
 7. The nominations for the Kathy Bishop Most Distinguished Board Member Award are as follows:
 - a. Governor Leslie Metz
 - b. Governor Giselle Gutierrez
 - c. Governor Brandon Sapp
 - d. Governor Celia Dorn
 - e. Governor Stephanie Myron
 8. Governor Murray moved to close nominations and President-Elect Designate seconded.
- iv. Iris Elijah Outstanding New Board Member Award
1. Governor Willis nominated Governor Tiffany Hilton and Governor Pierre seconded.
 2. Governor Rodrigues nominated Governor Reno Pierre.
 - a. Governor Reno Pierre declined the nomination.
 3. Governor Hirani nominated Governor Warren Chin and Governor Dorn seconded.
 4. Governor Willis nominated Governor Andrew Moody and Governor Alvarez seconded.
 5. The nominations for the Iris Elijah Outstanding New Board Member Award nominations are as follows:
 - a. Governor Tiffany Hilton
 - b. Governor Warren Chin
 - c. Governor Andrew Moody
 6. President-Elect Patel moved to close nominations and Governor Murray seconded.

10. Executive Committee Actions

- a. Rule Amendments and YLD opportunity to provide comments.
- b. Basic Skills Courses
 - i. YLD will continue to govern basic skills courses upon recommendation of the Supreme Court.
 - ii. Governor Kibbey Smith provided comments.

11. President-Elect's Report - Anisha Patel

- a. 2023-2024 Board Vacancies
 - i. 2nd Circuit, Seat 2 available due to resignation of Governor Lolia Fernandez.
 - Allan J. Charles
 - Saray N. Ravelo
 - Governor Kibbey Smith moved that Allan Charles receive the 2nd Circuit Seat 2 seat that has been made available due to the resignation of Governor Fernandez. Governor Pierre seconded. All in favor, no abstentions.
 - a. The ayes have it and the motion is adopted.
 - ii. 4th Circuit, Seat 1
 - Governor Gutierrez moved that Governor Sarah Morris receive the 4th Circuit, Seat 1 position.
 - a. The ayes have it and the motion is adopted.
 - iii. 5th Circuit, Seat 1
 - Governor Dorn moved that Governor Rachel Ponte receive the 5th Circuit, Seat 1 position. Governor Chin seconded. All in favor. No abstentions.
 - a. The ayes have it and the motion is adopted.
 - iv. 3rd Circuit, Seat 1
 - Governor Ponte moved to approve Kellen Vincent for the 3rd Circuit, Seat 1 position. Governor Dorn seconded. All in favor. No abstentions.
 - a. The ayes have it and the motion is adopted.
 - v. Out-of-State, Seat 3
 - Governor Gutierrez moved to approve Governor Tiffany Hilton for the Out-of-State, Seat 3 position. Governor Sapp seconded. All in favor. No abstentions.
 - a. The ayes have it and the motion is adopted.
- 12. Secretary's Report – Governor Taylor
 - a. Consideration of Minutes
 - March 31, 2023 minutes were previously submitted.
 - No suggested revisions.
 - Minutes were approved.
- 13. Treasurer's Report- Governor Metz
 - a. Report will be provided via email.
- 14. Communications - Governor Rodrigues
 - a. Relied on written report and indicated the committee exit interviews were provided via email.
- 15. Social Agenda - Governor Mutamba
- 16. Committee Reports- Each of the committees below have provided written reports that can be referenced in the June 2, 2023 agenda.
 - a. Advocate

- i. Advocacy and Engagement - Governors Gutierrez and Kibbey Smith
 - Relied on written report.
 - ii. Health and Wellness - Governors Richmond and Thomas
 - Relied on written report and provided additional comments about the Health and Wellness Olympics, announcing the winners of the challenges.
 - Winners will be announced via social media.
 - iii. Inclusion and Equality – Governors Willis and Baskin
 - Relied on written report and provided a timeline for Recruiting and Retaining Young Talent Guidebook release.
- b. Educate
 - i. CLEs – Governor Levine
 - Relied on written report and acknowledged the Governors that helped the committee in its success.
 - ii. PWP/Professionalism – Governor Morris
 - Relied on written report and thanked the Governors who participated in PWP throughout the year.
 - iii. Webinars – Governors Curtis and Giarratana
 - Relied on written report.
 - iv. Website – Governor Kramer
 - Relied on written report and added some additional information about the YLD website.
- c. Connect
 - i. Annual/ AOC - President-Elect Designate Edwards and Governor Sapp
 - Relied on written report and gave updates about Annual.
 - ii. Affiliates – Governors Morgan-Joseph and Taylor
 - Relied on written reports and spoke briefly about annual.
 - iii. Moot Court – Governor Ponte
 - Relied on written report and provided updated information about Moot Court at Annual.
 - iv. Section/Division Liaison – President Elijah
 - Governor McCorkle previously provided a written report.
- d. Serve
 - i. Awards – Governor Dorn
 - YLD Outstanding Government Lawyer Award
 - a. Committee Recommendation is State Attorney Harold Pryor
 - i. Governor Dorn moved that State Attorney Harold Pryor receive the YLD Outstanding Government Lawyer Award. All in favor, no abstentions.

- b. The ayes have it and the motion is adopted.
- Lynn Futch Most Productive Young Lawyer Award
 - a. Committee Recommendation is Alexis Dion Deveaux.
 - b. Governor Dorn moved that Alexis Dion Devaux receive the Lynn Futch Most Productive Young Lawyer Award.
 - c. There are 26 in in the affirmative and 4 opposed. No abstentions.
 - d. The ayes have it and the motion is adopted.
- Michael T. Keese Quality of Life Award
 - a. Committee Recommendation is Jason Imler.
 - b. Governor Dorn moved that Jason Imler receive the Michael T. Reese Quality of Life Award. All in favor. No abstentions.
 - c. The ayes have it and the motion is adopted.
- Meenu T. Sasser Outstanding Jurist Award
 - a. Committee recommendation is Judge Nina Ashenafi-Richardson.
 - b. Governor Dorn moved that Judge Nina Ashenafi-Richardson receive the Meenu T. Sasser Outstanding Jurist Award. All in favor, no abstentions.
 - c. The ayes have it and the motion is adopted.
- YLD Outstanding Women Lawyer Achievement Award
 - a. Committee Recommendation is Sia Baker-Barnes
 - b. Governor Dorn moved that Sia Baker-Barnes receive the YLD Outstanding Women Lawyer Achievement Award. All in favor. No abstentions.
 - c. The ayes have it and the motion is adopted.
- Cynthia Henry Duval Diversity Award
 - a. Committee Recommendation is Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter of the National Bar Association.
 - b. Governor Dorn moved that Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter of the National Bar Association receive the Cynthia Henry Duval Diversity Award. All in favor. No abstentions.
 - c. The ayes have it and the motion is adopted.
- ii. Grants - Tiffany Pereira and Haley VanFleteren
 - Relied on written report
- e. Sponsorship - Arti Hirani and G.C. Murray
 - i. Relied on written report and added information about the creation of a Best Practices Manual created on behalf of YLD, but available for use by any Governor.

17. Announcements

18. Good of the Order
19. Next Meeting: June 22, 2023, Annual Bar Convention
20. Adjournment – President Iris A. Elijah
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

/s/ Rebekah S. Taylor
Board Secretary