



The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division
Professionalism in Practice



May 31, 2024
Proposed Meeting Minutes

1. Opening of the Meeting -9:09 a.m. - Ballroom
2. Call to Order- President Anisha Patel
3. Roll Call- Governor Rebekah Taylor
 - a. Excused Absences- Governor Comparato, Governor Graham, Governor Kramer, Governor Nicodemi, Governor Richmond, Governor Robinson, Governor Smith, Governor Wright, Governor Vincent.
 - b. A quorum was established.
4. Invocation- Ciara Willis
5. Pledge of Allegiance- Governor Brittany Dix
6. Adoption of the Agenda- President Anisha Patel
 - a. Governor Willis moved to adopt the agenda. Governor Chin seconded. All in favor. No abstentions.
7. Guest Speakers
 - a. Florida Bar President Scott Westheimer
 - b. Out of State Section President Joy Heath
8. Program Administrator's Report - Tom Miller
9. President's Report- President Anisha Patel
10. President-Elect's Report- President-Elect Ashlea Edwards
 - a. October 17-20, 2024- The October Meeting will be held at the Henderson in Destin, FL.
11. Secretary's Report - Governor Rebekah Taylor
 - a. Consideration of Minutes
 - i. April 5, 2024 AOC Meeting Minutes were circulated to the Board.
 - ii. No suggested revisions.
 - iii. The minutes were approved.
12. Treasurer's Report - Governor Reno Pierre
13. Vacant Seat – 9th Circuit

a. President-Elect Designate moved to postpone her motion for her vacant 9th circuit. Governor Zbrzezny seconded. All in favor. No abstentions.

14. Communications - Governor Jessica Kramer and Governor Tiffany Hilton

a. Yearbook Committee - Governor Karina Rodrigues & Governor Valeen Hyde

b. Verbal reports given by Governor Hilton and Governor Rodrigues.

15. Committee Reports:

a. Transition to Practice - Practice Series Webinars - Governor Michael Levine

1. Verbal report given by Governor Levine.

b. CLEs - Governor Altanese Phenelus & Governor Alexandria Nicodemi

1. Verbal report given by Governor Phenelus

c. Transition to Practice - Virtual Fair - Governor Tiffany Hilton & Governor Warren Chin

1. Verbal report given by Governor Chin and Governor Hilton

d. Practicing with Professionalism - Governor Paige Comparato & Governor Yineth Sanchez Aslan.

1. Verbal report given by Governor Aslan.

e. 36 Under 36 - Governor Haley VanFleteren

1. No report as this was completed February 2024.

f. Affiliates - Governor Rebekah Taylor & Governor Ayana Barrow

1. Verbal report given by Governor Barrow and Governor Taylor.

g. Technology Roadshows - President-Elect Designate Arti Hirani

1. Verbal report given by President Patel.

h. Awards - Governor Reno Pierre & Governor Brittany Dix

1. Verbal Report given by Governor Dix and Governor Pierre.

- Governor Pierre moved to approve the Award Committee's recommendation for the YLD Outstanding Woman Lawyer Achievement Award (Lorna Brown-Burton).

- o Brief discussion.

- o Counted vote- 28 yea, 2 nay, 2 abstentions

- o The motion passes.

- Governor Dix moved to approve the Award Committee's recommendation for the Lynn Futch Most Productive Young Lawyer Award (Mallory Cooney)

- o Brief discussion.

- o Counted vote- 29 yea, 2 nay, 1 abstention.

- o The motion passes.

- Governor Pierre moved to approve the Award Committee's recommendation for the Meenu T. Sasser Outstanding Jurist Award (Judge Stephen Walker)

- o Discussion.

- o Counted vote- 22 yea, 9 nay, no abstentions.

- o The motion passes.

- Governor Zbrzezny moved to accept the Award Committee's recommendation for the Michal K. Reese Quality of Life Award (Narinah Jean-Baptiste), the YLD Outstanding Government Lawyer Award (Marcus Isom), and the Cynthia Henry Duval Outreach Award (Travis and Theresa Coy) within one slate. Governor Chin seconded.
 - o No discussion
 - o Counted vote- 31 yea, 1 nay, no abstentions
 - o The motion passes.
- i. Grants - Governor Tiffany Pereira & Governor Evan Gardiner
 - 1. No report given, all grants have been awarded for this bar year.
- j. Law School Affiliates - Governor Randall Baskin & Governor Selina Patel
 - 1. Verbal report provided by Governor Patel.
- k. AOC - Governor Ciara Willis & Governor Sarah Morris
 - 1. Verbal report given by Governor Morris and Governor Willis.
- l. Annual Convention - Governor Kayla Richmond, Governor Yanae Barroso, and Governor Joey Coleman
 - 1. Verbal report given by Governor Coleman.
- m. Engle - Governor Giovanni Giarratana & Governor Chris Butler
 - 1. Verbal report given by Governor Butler and Governor Giarratana.
- n. Legal Writing Program - Governor Masimba Mutamba & Governor Veronique Malebranche
 - 1. Verbal report given Governor Malebranche and Governor Mutamba.
- o. Moot Court - Governor Drew Moody & Governor Rachel Ponte
 - 1. Verbal report given by Governor Moody and Governor Ponte.
 - 2. Requested volunteers for moot Court Bailiff.
- p. Pro Bono/Community Service - Governor Brock Hankins & Governor Kelly Kibbey Smith
 - 1. Verbal report given by Governor Hankins.
- q. Sections - Governor Joey Coleman
 - 1. Verbal report given by Governor Coleman.
- r. Sponsorship - Governor Nick Zbrzezny & Governor Brandon Wolff
 - 1. Verbal report given by Governor Wolff and Governor Zbrzezny.
- s. ABA YLD Liaison - Governor Tom Graham
 - 1. Verbal report given by Governor Deveaux
- t. 2023-2024 Class Project - Governor Alexis Dion Deveaux, Governor Caleb Kenyon, Governor Saray Ravelo
 - 1. Verbal report given by Governor Deveaux and Governor Kenyon.

16. End of Year Board Awards:

- a. President Anisha Patel moves for there to be new board award entitled the **YLD Board Member Team Player Award**. Governor Chin seconded. All in favor. No abstentions. The motion passes.
This is a new award to recognize a board member who excels in collaborating and working well with others, has gone out of their way to help others with board work, and has a can-do attitude, while also maintaining other YLD committee commitments.
Governor Chin made a motion to name this the Anisha Patel YLD Board Member Team Player Award. Governor Pierre. Governor Chin withdrew his motion after discussion
 1. Governor Chin nominated Haley VanFleteren.
 2. Governor Giarratana nominated Governor Sarah Morris.
 3. Governor Coleman nominated Governor Tiffany Pereira.
 2. Governor Deveau nominated Governor Ciara Willis.
- b. Scott E. Atwood/Ward P. Griffin Overly Loquacious Award
 1. Governor Hilton nominated Governor Joseph Coleman
 2. Governor Coleman nominated Governor Reno Pierre
 3. Governor Reno Pierre nominated Randall Baskin.
 4. Governor Caleb Kenyon nominated Allan Charles.
 5. The nominations are as follows:
 - a. Governor Joseph Coleman
 - b. Governor Reno Pierre
 - c. Governor Randall Baskin
 - d. Governor Allan Charles
- c. Iris Elijah Outstanding New Board Member Award:
Eligible: Alexis Dion Deveau; Allan Charles; Alexa Tirse; Ashley Wright; Caleb Kenyon; Carleen Leffler; Freddie Menard; Imani Williams; Jamy Barreau; Kellen Vincent; Lucie Robinson; Mike Kranz; Saray Ravelo; Tiffany-Ashley Disney
 1. Governor Zbrzezny nominated Saray Ravelo.
 2. Governor Phenelus nominated Alexis Deveau.
 3. Governor Taylor nominated Freddie Menard.
 4. Governor Hilton nominated Imani Williams.
 5. Governor Barrow nominated Caleb Kenyon.
 6. The nominations are as follows:
 - e. Governor Saray Ravelo
 - f. Governor Alexis Deveau
 - g. Governor Freddie Menard
 - h. Governor Imani Williams
 - i. Governor Caleb Kenyon
- d. Kathy Bishop Most Distinguished Board Member Award
Outgoing governors: Ayana Barrow; Brandon Wolff; Brock Hankins; Giovanni Giarratana; Kayla Miller; Masimba Mutamba; Rebekah Taylor; Tiffany Hilton; Tom Graham; Yanae Barroso
 2. Governor Pierre nominated Governor Masimba Mutamba

3. Governor Aslan nominated Governor Giovanni Giarratana
4. Governor Giarratana nominated Governor Tiffany Hilton
5. Governor Levine nominated Brandon Wolff
6. Governor Menard nominated Governor Rebekah Taylor
7. Governor Phenelus nominated Ayana Barrow.

8. The nominations are as follows:

- a. Governor Masimba Maumba
- b. Governor Giovanni Giarratana
- c. Governor Brandon Wolff
- d. Governor Rebekah Taylor
- e. Governor Ayana Barrow

e. Most Productive Board Member Award

Governor Pierre moved to allow a joint nomination for the Most Productive Board Member Award for Tiffany Hilton and Warren Chin. Governor Menard seconded. Governor Deveau moved to amend the motion to strike out "for Tiffany Hilton and Warren Chin." 20 yea, 6 nay, no abstentions.

The amended motion is to allow a joint nomination for the Most Productive Board Member Award. Discussion. 6 yea, 22 nay, 1 abstention. The motion fails.

1. Governor Pierre nominated Governor Tiffany Hilton.
2. Governor Pierre nominated Governor Warren Chin.
3. Governor Menard nominated Governor Reno Pierre.
4. Governor Willis nominated Governor Sarah Morris, she respectfully declined.
5. Governor Giarratana nominated Governor Altanese Phenelus.
6. Governor Coleman nominated Governor Ciara Willis.
7. The nominations are as follows:
 - a. Governor Tiffany Hilton
 - b. Governor Warren Chin
 - c. Governor Reno Pierre
 - d. Governor Altanese Phenelus
 - e. Governor Ciara Willis

Governor Taylor moved to close nominations for all board awards. Governor Willis seconded. All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

16. Announcements

17. Good of the Order

18. Next Meeting: June 20, 2024 – The Florida Bar Annual Convention, Orlando

19. Adjournment- President Anisha Patel

- a. Meeting Adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Rebekah S. Taylor
Board Secretary