

Wyoming State Bar Board of Officers & Commissioners Meeting

September 8, 2023

Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center

Laramie, Wyoming

In Attendance: Christopher H. Hawks, President; Anna M. Reeves Olson, President-Elect; Erin E. Weisman, Vice President; Kelly M. Neville, Treasurer; Stefanie L. Boster, First Judicial District Commissioner; Dona Playton, Third Judicial District Commissioner; Jason Petri, Third Judicial District Commissioner; Kevin K. Kessner; Fourth Judicial District Commissioner; Jennifer L. Kirk, Fifth Judicial District Commissioner; Alison O. Gee, Sixth Judicial District Commissioner; P. Craig Silva, Seventh Judicial District Commissioner (via Zoom); Shawn G. Wilde, Eighth Judicial District Commissioner; Nicklaus L. Dillinger, Chair, Young Lawyer Section; Sharon Wilkinson, Executive Director, and Mark W. Gifford, Bar Counsel

Absent: J. Kenneth Barbe, Immediate Past President and James T. Whiting, Ninth Judicial District Commissioner

President Christopher Hawks called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. on Friday, September 8, 2023.

Approval of 2023/2024 Approved Budget

Executive Director Sharon Wilkinson walked the Board through the changes that were made to the proposed budget since the August meeting.

Commissioner Alison Gee made a motion to ratify the 2023/2024 budget. Commissioner Kevin Kessner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Commissioner Gee made a motion to convene an Executive Session. Commissioner Jennifer Kirk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gee made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Vice President Erin Weisman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gee shared with Executive Director Wilkinson and Mark Gifford that the Board values both of them very much and it has discussed how either of them will be replaced in the future. She encouraged them to put some thought into some succession planning and make sure that a plan gets developed during the 2025 Strategic Planning session.

Commissioner Gee also encouraged Mr. Gifford to consider hiring a hearing officer for contested disciplinary hearings.

President Christopher Hawks adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m. on Friday, September 8, 2023.

Minutes Submitted by:

Sharon Wilkinson
Executive Director