

**UTAH STATE BAR  
BOARD OF BAR COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES**

**November 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

**ZOOM MEETING**

**In Attendance:** President Heather Thuet and President-elect Kristin “Katie” Woods.

Commissioners: John Bradley, Traci Gunderson, Rick Hoffman, Chrystal Mancuso-Smith, Marty Moore, Mark Morris, Shawn Newell, Michelle Quist, and Tyler Young.

**Ex-Officio Members:** Past-President Heather Farnsworth, Cedar Cosner (for Grant Miller), Kim Cordova, Beth Kennedy (for Kim Neville), Brandon J. Mark, Margaret Plane, and Tonya Wright.

**Not in Attendance:** Commissioners Greg Hoole and Andrew Morse. Ex-Officio Members Nate Alder, Ramzi Hamady, Erik Christiansen, Dean Elizabeth Kronk-Warner, and Dean Gordon Smith.

**Also in Attendance:** Executive Director Elizabeth A. Wright, General Counsel Nancy J. Sylvester, Supreme Court Liaison Nick Stiles, and guests Jeffrey Mangrum, Martha Knudsen, Justice Paige Petersen, and Matt Thiese.

**Minutes:**

**1.1 President’s Welcome and Report: Heather Thuet.** The meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Thuet welcomed Commission members and guests to the meeting. She then provided an update on the following:

**1.2 Legislative Breakfast Report.** Ms. Thuet reported that the breakfast with the lawyer legislators went well and that she was pleased with the good relationship the Bar has with the Legislature.

**1.3 Bar Review Event - Warm Gloves and Socks Donation.** Ms. Thuet noted that the Bar Review Event would be held at the Green Pig that evening and the Bar would be collecting warm gloves and socks for donation. The next Bar Review will be January 20, 2022.

**1.4 Fall Forum Schedule.** Ms. Thuet noted that the Fall Forum had moved from an in-person event to weekly sessions on Zoom that run through January.

## **2. Action Items**

**2.1 Approve Financial Audit: Marty Moore, Rick Hoffman, and Lauren Stout (Tab 1, Page 3).** Ms. Stout reported that the Bar had received a clean audit from its external auditors. Mr. Moore moved to approve the audit and Mr. Young seconded. The motion carried.

**2.2 Approve Outstanding NLTP Mentor Awards (Tab 2, Page 29): Michelle Quist.** Ms. Quist presented the award nominees for outstanding NLTP mentoring. The nominees were Ann Marie (“Annie”) Taliaferro and Hon. Brody Keisel. Mr. Moore moved to approve the awardees and Ms. Mancuso-Smith seconded. The motion carried.

**2.3 Approve New Fence and Gate for South Side of Law and Justice Center: Elizabeth Wright.** Ms. Wright reported to the Commission that she had received a bid to construct a vertical slat metal fence on the south side of the Law & Justice Center. She noted that Bar personnel, law enforcement, and the Security Director from the courts had observed unsafe conditions created by the alleyway there. The transient population was using it as a latrine and for doing drugs and other illicit activity. Law enforcement recommended the fence. Ms. Wright said the bid included a 10-year warranty on parts. Ms. Thuet asked whether a lifetime warranty was available. Ms. Wright said she would look into it. The Commission determined that it would vote by email on this item.

## **3. Information Items**

**3.1 MCLE Accreditation for Student Outreach and Education: Mark Morris.** Mr. Morris informed the Commission that he was working with the MCLE Board on accreditation for student outreach and education. The idea behind this effort is to encourage young people to consider a career in the law, especially those in historically disadvantaged communities.

**3.2 Well-Being Committee Collaboration with Hazelden Betty Ford: Justice Paige Petersen, Jeffrey Mangrum, Dr. Matt Thiese, and Martha Knudsen.** Ms. Knudsen noted that high levels of well-being coordinate with the things the profession cares about, such as competence, communication, and ethical behavior. The presenters said their vision is to work with the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation to bring well-being resources and curriculum to everyone, regardless of the ability to pay. They envisioned raising about \$50,000 from private sources, such as law firms. They did not anticipate that the Bar itself would need to contribute, but asked that the

Commission support the project. Mr. Morris moved to support the project and Ms. Thuet seconded. The Commission unanimously approved supporting the project.

**CONSENT AGENDA (Tab 4, Page 665).** The Commission approved the following items by consent:

- **Minutes of October 15, 2021 Commission Meeting;**
- **Fund for Client Protection recommended payments.**

3. **Executive Session.** No executive session was held.

4. **Adjourn.** The Bar Commission meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.