

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

JANUARY 20, 2017

UTAH LAW & JUSTICE CENTER – SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

- In Attendance:** President Rob Rice, President-elect John Lund, Commissioners: John Bradley, Steven Burt, H. Dickson Burton, Kate Conyers, Heather Farnsworth, Liisa Hancock, Michelle Mumford, Herm Olsen, Cara Tangaro, Heather Thuet, and Katie Woods.
- Ex-Officio Members:** Dean Robert Adler, Julie Emery, Amy Fowler, Jaelynn Jenkins, Angelina Tsu, Chris Wharton, and Supreme Court Liaison James Ishida.
- Not in Attendance:** Commissioners: S. Grace Acosta, Mary Kay Griffin; Ex-Officio Members: Nate Alder, Margaret Plane, Dean Gordon Smith, and Noella Sudbury. General Counsel Elizabeth A. Wright.
- Also in Attendance:** Executive Director John C. Baldwin, Assistant Executive Director Richard Dibblee. Abby Dizon-Maughan (UMBA representative) attended on behalf of Michelle Kennedy.

Minutes: 9:05 a.m. start

1. President's Report: Rob Rice

- 1.1 Recognize Barbara Townsend's 10 Years of Service in OPC.** John Baldwin introduced Barbara and gave a brief history of her career. The Commission thanked her for her service.
- 1.2 Review Phone Conference Calendar & Legislative Breakfast.** Rob Rice reviewed the schedule of conference calls and the Breakfast with Lawyer Legislators and other leadership in the Legislature set for February 1st.
- 1.3 Appointment of Leadership Academy Chair.** Rob announced the appointment of Angelina Tsu as chair of the Leadership Academy Board and noted that Liisa Hancock will no longer be serving as Commission Liaison to the Academy Board.
- 1.4 Futures Commission Government Sign On Portal.** Representative Bruce Cutler and others from the state's technical groups made a presentation to the Bar Commission on a one-stop sign-in portal to enable business owners to consolidate access to state licensure and tax information. Rob indicated the use of the portal

was a recommendation of the Futures Commission and Rep. Cutler's presentation was received favorably by the Bar Commission.

2. Action Items

- 2.1 **Nominate Bar President-Elect Candidate.** Rob indicated that H. Dickson Burton was the only person to express interest in being nominated for President-elect. **Herm Olsen** moved and **Heather Farnsworth** seconded that Dickson be nominated to run for President-elect in an uncontested retention election. **The motion passed.**
- 2.2 **Select Dorathy Merrill Brothers and Raymond S. Uno Awards.** The Commission reviewed nominations for the Dorathy Merrill Brothers Award. After kind words were said about each nominee, **Heather Thuet** made a motion that **Judge Michele Christiansen** be selected for the award. **Heather Farnsworth** seconded the motion. **The motion passed.** The Commission reviewed nominations for the Raymond S. Uno Award. After discussion about each nominee, **Kate Conyers** made a motion that **Judge Vernice Trease** be selected for the award. **Heather Farnsworth** seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**
- 2.3 **Select Representative on Utah Sentencing Commission.** The Commission reviewed the applications to serve as the Bar's *Adult Criminal Defense Representative* on the Utah Sentencing Commission. A motion was made by **John Lund** and **John Bradley** seconded the motion to appoint **Camille Neider** to serve the one-year term. **The motion passed.**
- 2.4 **Approve EKR Web Redesign.** The recent recommendation from EKR was distributed and a brief discussion ensued. The Commission put off a decision for future discussion at the Tuesday, January 24 legislative conference call.
- 2.5 **Approve Practice Portal.** The bid from Euclid regarding the development of a new practice portal was distributed and reviewed. After some discussion, the Commission decided to put off further consideration and a decision until the Tuesday, January 24 legislative conference call.
- 2.6 **Approve Committee Chair Succession Planning Policy.** **Kate Conyers** moved and **Katie Woods** seconded to approve the Committee Chair Succession Planning Policy as written. **The motion passed.**
- 2.7 **Confirm Fall Forum Schedule.** John Lund led a discussion on the Fall Forum schedule and proposed that the Fall Forum be reduced to a one-day event following CLE seminars presented the preceding day (Thursday) to be put on by the Bar's Sections. The UMBA Banquet would continue to be incorporated on Thursday night. After discussions regarding registration fees, attendance

numbers, and financial information, it was moved and seconded to change the Fall Forum schedule to one day. **The motion passed.**

3. Information Items

- 3.1 Report on *LicensedLawyer* Marketing.** Sean Toomey led a discussion on the marketing of *LicensedLawyer*.
- 3.2 Futures Commission Recommendation.** The Commission reviewed Elizabeth Wright's memorandum on Rule 5.4 of the Rules of Professional Conduct which limits the ownership of law firms. **John Lund** made a motion to form a committee to review the issue. **Cara Tangaro** seconded the motion. **The motion passed. H. Dickson Burton, Liisa Hancock, Michelle Mumford, and Heather Farnsworth** agreed to serve on the committee.
- 3.3 Spring Convention Report.** John Lund reminded Commissioners of the Spring Convention schedule.
- 3.4 Futures Commission Report.** In the interest of time, further discussion was deferred.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Consent Agenda

- 1. Approved the Minutes from the December 9, 2016 Commission Meeting.**

Handouts:

- 1. EKR Web Redesign Recommendation**
- 2. Euclid Practice Portal Development Recommendation**

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JANUARY 24, 2017

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE
4:00 P.M.

In Attendance: President Rob Rice, President-elect John Lund; Commissioners Heather Farnsworth, John Bradley, Liisa Hancock, Michelle Mumford, H. Dickson Burton, Kate Conyers; Executive Director John Baldwin.

- Minutes:**
1. After discussion on the bid from EKR to redesign the Bar's website, **John Lund** made a motion and **Kate Conyers** seconded the motion to approve EKR's bid. **The motion passed.**
 2. After discussion on the bid from Euclid to create a "practice portal," **John Bradley** made a motion and **Michelle Mumford** seconded the motion to approve the bid. **The motion passed.**
 3. After discussion on sources of budgeting for these projects, **Kate Conyers** moved and **John Lund** seconded the motion to fund the EKR project from the Capital budget and to fund the Euclid project from the Public Education budget.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.