

President Jenkins called the State Bar of Michigan (SBM) Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn Hotel.

Commissioners present:

Dennis M. Barnes	Maureen M. McGinnis
David R. Brake	Lambro Niforos
Robert J. Buchanan	Lawrence P. Nolan
Lori A. Buiteweg	Jules B. Olsman
Margaret A. Costello	David A. Perkins
Bruce A. Courtade, Vice President	Victoria A. Radke
Richard L. Cunningham	Michael J. Riordan
Brian D. Einhorn, Secretary	Brandy Y. Robinson
James N. Erhart	Donald G. Rockwell
Elias J. Escobedo, Jr.	Thomas C. Rombach, Treasurer
Julie I. Fershtman, President Elect	Richard J. Siriani
Stephen J. Gobbo	Angelique Strong Marks
W. Anthony Jenkins, President	Julie A. Sullivan
Edward L. Haroutunian	Laurin' C Roberts Thomas
David A. Kallman	Dana M. Warnez
Donald E. McGinnis, Jr.	

Commissioners absent and excused:

Commissioner Julie A. Sullivan was absent and excused.

State Bar Staff present:

Janet Welch, Executive Director
Margaret Bossenbery, Executive Coordinator
Nancy Brown, Director, Member Services & Communications
Gregory Conyers, Director, Diversity
Candace Crowley, Director, External Development
Dawn Evans, Director, Professional Standards
Cliff Flood, General Counsel
James Horsch, Director, Finance and Administration
Elizabeth Lyon, Director, Governmental Relations
Anne Smith, Administrative Assistant
Mike Smith, Communications Designer
Naseem Stecker, Media and Public Relations Manager
Anne Vrooman, Director, Research and Development

Consent Agenda

Minutes

The Board received the minutes from the September 7, 2011 Board of Commissioners meeting.
The Board received the minutes from the August 23, 2011 Executive Committee meeting.

A motion was offered, supported, to approve the consent agenda. Motion approved.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEES

Finance, Thomas C. Rombach, Chairperson
There was not a report.

Professional Standards, Brian D. Einhorn, Chairperson
There was not a report.

Programs and Services, Bruce A. Courtade, Chairperson
There was not a report.

Public Policy, Image and Identity, Julie I. Fershtman, Chairperson
There was not a report.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

President's Report, W. Anthony Jenkins, President
Mr. Jenkins expressed his thanks to everyone on the Board for their dedication and hard work during his Presidential year.

Executive Director's Report, Janet K. Welch, Executive Director
There was not a report.

Representative Assembly Report, Victoria A. Radke, Chairperson
Ms. Radke reported that all of the seats on the Representative Assembly are filled.

American Bar Association (ABA) Report, Reginald Turner, State Delegate
Mr. Jenkins reported that the ABA Annual Meeting was held in Toronto. He reported that the Uniform Collaborative Law proposal by was rejected by a substantial margin.

Young Lawyers Section (YLS) Report, Maureen M McGinnis, Chairperson
Ms. McGinnis reported that the YLS webpage is up and running. She also mentioned that at the ABA Annual Meeting the YLS won two awards for programming.

Commission Resolutions

Danielle Mason Anderson written and presented by Maureen M. McGinnis
Elias J. Escobedo, Jr. written and presented by Donald E. McGinnis, Jr..
David J. Kallman written and presented by Lawrence P. Nolan
Lambro Niforos written and presented by Angelique Strong Marks
Victoria A. Radke written and presented by Stephen J. Gobbo

Recognition of President W. Anthony Jenkins

President Elect Fershtman presented President Jenkins with a scrapbook and plaque honoring his year as President of the State Bar of Michigan.

Comments or questions from Commissioners

There were none.

Comments or questions from the public

There were none.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.