President Barnes called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24 via a Zoom video conferencing call.

 Commissioners present:
 Danielle Mason Anderson  
 David C. Anderson  
 Dennis M. Barnes, President  
 Joseph J. Baumann  
 Robert J. Buchanan, President-Elect  
 Aaron V. Burrell  
 Erika L. Butler  
 Hon. Clinton Canady III  
 B.D. “Chris” Christenson  
 Josephine A. DeLorenzo  
 Hon. Shauna L. Dunnings  
 Thomas H. Howlett  
 Lisa J. Hamameh  
 Kara R. Hart-Negrich  
 Sarah E. Kuchon  
 Suzanne C. Larsen  
 James W. Low  
 E. Thomas McCarthy Jr.  
 Joseph P. McGill  
 Valerie R. Newman  
 Nicholas M. Ohanesian  
 Samantha J. Orvis  
 Hon. David A. Perkins  
 Barry R. Powers  
 Daniel D. Quick, Treasurer  
 Chelsea M. Rebeck  
 Thomas G. Sinas  
 Gregory L. Ulrich  
 Dana M. Warnez, Vice President  
 Erane C. Washington  
 Mark A. Wisniewski  
 Ryan Zemke

 Commissioners absent and excused:  
 James W. Heath, Secretary

 State Bar staff present:  
 Janet Welch, Executive Director  
 Marge Bossenbery, Executive Coordinator  
 Nancy Brown, Assistant Executive Director  
 Peter Cunningham, Assistant Executive Director and Director, Governmental Relations  
 Elizabeth Goebel, Public Policy Counsel  
 Kathryn Hennessey, General Counsel

 LEADERSHIP REPORTS

 President’s Report, Dennis M. Barnes, President  
 Mr. Barnes reported:

• The Redistricting/Reapportionment work group met and reviewed the data from the consultant. It was determined there were issues that were more complicated than originally thought which will prevent the work group from finishing its work on the reallocation of Board seats before the 2020 election. Mr. Barnes assured the Board he is committed to completing the reallocation by the end of the Bar year.

• At the recommendation of the Redistricting/Reapportionment work group, a proposed amendment to Article III Section 11—Limitation of Terms, of the State Bar’s Bylaws is before the Board for action. According to SBM policy, this proposed amendment was posted on the SBM website for comments before this meeting. A motion was offered and seconded to adopt the amendments as drafted. Discussion took place and a friendly amendment was offered and
accepted to add the language: “… a Commissioner appointed by the Board of Commissioner to fill a vacancy,” as bolded, below. The motion was approved as amended.

Proposed State Bar of Michigan Bylaw Amendment Section 11—Limitation of Terms.

Except as otherwise stated provided herein, no Commissioner may serve more than three full consecutive elected terms on the Board of Commissioners. This limitation of terms does not apply to the time that Commissioners may serve on the Board of Commissioners in their capacity as officers of the Representative Assembly, officers of the Young Lawyers Section, a Commissioner appointed by the Board of Commissioners to fill a vacancy, or appointed Michigan Supreme Court representatives.

If the remaining term of a commissioner elected vice president or president-elect will expire before the commissioner completes a term as president, the term shall be extended to allow the commissioner to complete the term as president.

Public Policy, Robert J. Buchanan, Chairperson
Court Rules
ADM File No. 2002-37: Proposed Amendments of E-Filing Rules
The proposed amendments of MCR 1.109, 2.002, 2.302, 2.306, 2.315, 2.603, 3.222, 3.618, 4.201, and 8.119 are the latest proposed revisions as part of the design and implementation of the statewide electronic filing system.

A motion was offered and seconded to support the proposed amendment and authorize individual committees and sections to submit their position reports to the Court. The motion carried.

This proposal, suggested by the Prisons and Corrections Section of the State Bar of Michigan, would require counsel to be appointed to an indigent prisoner when an application for leave to appeal a grant of parole is filed by the prosecutor or victim. The right to counsel also would be included on the notice to be provided the prisoner.

A motion was offered and seconded to support the proposed amendment. The motion carried.

Executive Director’s Report, Janet K. Welch, Executive Director
Ms. Welch reported that:
• The entire staff has transitioned to working from home.
• An Executive Order of the governor was released and responded to the questions, concerns, and comments from the Board members.
• The SBM received about 30 calls from lawyers with concerns after the Executive Order was released.
• The SBM is working closely with the Court providing information beneficial to judges and lawyers and relaying questions to the Governor’s Office.
• The SBM is participating in a roundtable with section leaders tomorrow.
• The sections are a wonderful source of advice and telling us what practice challenges need to be addressed. They have concerns about how to conduct business that requires in-person meetings such as notarizing and witnessing.

• The Judicial Qualifications Committee met via Zoom video conferencing today and was very successful.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.