President Courtade called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at the Anway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids.

Commissioners present:
Kathleen M. Allen
Dennis M. Barnes
David R. Brique
Robert J. Buchanan
Lori A. Buiteweg, Secretary
Margaret A. Costello
Bruce A. Courtade, President
Richard L. Cunningham
Brian D. Einhorn, President-Elect
James N. Erhart
D. Randall Gilmer
Stephen J. Gobbo

Commissioners absent and excused:
Commissioners Charles S. Hegarty, Felicia O. Johnson, Colleen A. Pero, Brandy Y. Robinson, Richard J. Siriani and Julie A. Sullivan were absent and excused.

State Bar Staff present:
Janet Welch, Executive Director
Marge Bossenbery, Executive Coordinator
Gregory Conyers, Director, Diversity
Candace Crowley, Director, External Development
Peter Cunningham, Director, Governmental Relations
Dawn Evans, Director, Professional Standards
Cliff Flood, General Counsel
Mary Frook, Director, Human Resources
James Horsch, Director, Finance and Administration
Robert Mathis, Pro Bono Attorney
Anne Smith, Administrative Assistant
Anne Vrooman, Director, Research and Development

Guests
Mary Hickner, Institute for Continuing Legal Education

President’s Report
President Courtade welcomed the members of the 2012 – 2013 SBM Board of Commissioners. Commissioners were sworn in and were provided with an oath of office to sign.

Authorize President to Appoint an Executive Committee
A motion was offered and supported to authorize President Courtade to appoint an Executive Committee. The motion was approved.