

**Philadelphia Bar Association  
Board of Governors Meeting  
January 11, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Executive Director Harvey Hurdle, Jr. at 10:00am.

Chancellor Snyder provided a welcome and opening remarks.

Chancellor Snyder announced that pursuant to the Bylaws, at the first meeting of the year, a Chair and a Vice Chair of the Board must be selected. Chancellor Snyder nominated Nicholas Kamau to be Chair of the Board of Governors for a one-year term. The nomination received a second and there was no discussion or other nominations. A vote was held and Mr. Kamau was unanimously elected Chair of the Board of Governors.

Chair Kamau called for nominations of a Vice Chair. Chancellor-Elect McKenna nominated Riley Ross to be Vice Chair of the Board of Governors for a one-year term. There was a second to the nomination. There were no other nominations or discussion and Vice Chair Ross was elected unanimously.

Chancellor Snyder also made the following appointments for a one-year term, which also do not require Board approval:

Reginald Shuford as Diversity Chair.  
Larry Beaser as counsel to the Board of Governors.

Chancellor Snyder was also recognized by the Chair to make the following appointments to the Cabinet pursuant to Bylaw Section 3.14, which requires Board approval of appointees to the Cabinet who are not Board Members, but will advise the Board and all received a second to their nominations and were unanimously approved:

Louis S. Rulli as Access to Justice Advisor.  
Nikki Johnson-Huston and Natalie Klyashtorny as Community Outreach and Engagement Advisors.  
Mark Aronchick as Special Advisor to the Chancellor.  
Hon. Sandra M. Moss as Judicial Liaison and Advisor.  
Danielle Banks as Chair of the Diversity advisory Panel.  
Eric H. Weitz as Advisor on Strategic Synergies.

Chancellor Snyder also presented the following appointments to the Judicial Commission that require Board approval, all of whom were unanimously approved:

Harris Bock for a 4-year term.  
William P. Fedullo for a 1-year term to fill the term vacated by Teresa Ficken Sachs.  
Rev. Canon Martini Shaw – Lay member for a 2-year term.  
Shelly Beaser – Lay member for a 1-year term.

Essie Goldberg - Lay member for a 1-year term

Chancellor Snyder announced appointment of Chair of Judicial Commission, William P. Fedullo, for a 1-year term which does not require Board approval.

Chair Kamau recognized Chancellor-Elect McKenna, who announced the appointment of a Vice Chair of the Judicial Commission, Kenneth A. Murphy, for a one-year term, which does not require Board approval.

Chair Kamau then recognized Chancellor Snyder again for appointments to the Board of Trustees of the Campaign for Qualified Judges, which require Board approval, and all received seconds to their nomination and were unanimously approved:

Mathew S. Olesh - Chair for a 1-year term.

Amber Racine - Vice Chair for a 1-year term

Ernest Holtzheimer - Treasurer for a 1-year term.

Chair Kamau advised that pursuant to the revised Bylaws, Section 3.10.1 states: "Each year, all Board Members shall take or subscribe to an oath or affirmation of office, as prescribed by the Board." The oath was then administered.

Chair Kamau explained that all members of the Board of Governors, both voting and non-voting, must sign the Conflict of Interest Acknowledgement Form and instructed everyone to read and sign the distributed forms and provide the executed versions to Secretary Jennifer Coatsworth or Charlie Klitsch.

Larry Beaser provided a presentation on the Role of the Philadelphia Bar Association and the Duties of the Board of Governors

The Chair then invited discussion of House Bill 196 which seeks to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution by dividing the State into districts by populations for the election of appellate court judges. A robust and thorough discussion ensued.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Kirkpatrick  
Assistant Secretary

**Board of Governors Attendance  
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**Voting members present**

Hon. A. Michael Snyder (Ret.)  
Lauren McKenna  
Wesley Payne  
Kathleen Kirkpatrick  
Marc Zucker  
Matthew Olesh  
Nicholas Kamau  
Riley Ross  
Meghan Claiborne  
Michael van der Veen  
Diane Penneys Edelman  
Lawrence Felzer  
Wendi Barish

Kris Calalang  
Erin Lamb  
Craig Levin  
Andre Webb  
Tom Innes  
Randi Rubin  
Maureen Farrell  
Arly Smith-Pearson  
James Tolerico  
Mark Mazzanti  
Rochelle Fedullo  
Amber Racine  
Reginald Shuford

**Absent:**

Jennifer Coatsworth  
Benjamin Barnett  
Francesca Iacovangelo  
Alisha Rodriguez  
Dominique Ward  
James Berardinelli  
Dino Privitera

P. Douglas Sisk  
Neelima Vanguri  
Hillary Ladov  
Michael Zanan  
Reuben Asia  
Cheryl Upham

**Non-voting members present:**

Lawrence Beaser  
Leslie John

Harvey Hurdle

**Absent:**

Abraham Reich

Butler Buchanan

**Invited guests present:**

Louis Rulli  
Nikki Johnson-Huston  
Eric Weitz