**APPROVED SEPTEMBER 14, 2018**
Pennsylvania Bar Association
Minority Bar Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday August 10, 2018

**Attendees:** Sharon López (Co-Chair), Mike Lee (Co-Chair), Arlene Marshall-Hockensmith (Co-Vice-Chair), Tyesha Miley (Co-Vice Chair), Andrea Farney (Secretary), Sharon Barney, Leticia Chavez-Freed, William Cluck, Cherylle Corpuz, Kristina DaCosta, Judge Stephanie Domitrovich, Chuck Eppolito, Bridget Gillespie, Rachel Hadrick, Carlton Johnson, Marissa Lattimore, Guerline Laore, Tsiwen Law, Tom Lee, Henri Marcial, Brenda Marrero, Rep. Joanna McClinton, Ashley Murphy (PBA), Dianne Nichols, Tyra Oliver, Melissa Pang, Wes Payne, Beverly Rampaul, Maureen Rostad, Michael Sand, Andy Saylor, David Schwager, Dolly Shuster, Gina Thomas, Phil Yoon, Louann Bell (PBA), Jeremiah Brown, (PBA IT)

A meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Minority Bar Committee was held on Friday, August 10, 2018.

**Calling Meeting to Order**
Co-Vice Chair Tyesha Miley called the meeting to order and Chaired the Meeting.

I. **Introductions of attendees: East to West**
   a. Brief introductions of attendees occurred.

II. **Action Items.**
   A. Approval of the minutes of the July 13, 2018 meeting.

   The minutes of the July 13, 2018 were approved.

   B. Sponsorship for an Ad at Asian Pacific American Bar Association Banquet – Deadline September 21, 2018. Banquest will be on Friday, October 5, 2018.

   Motion to approve a $500 sponsorship of this event was made and approved unanimously with two abstentions (Tom Lee & Melissa Pang).

III. **Special Presentation**

IV. **Subcommittee Chair Reports:**
   A. Young Lawyers Division Liaison Report – Patrice Turenne & Sharon Barney.
   Patrice Turenne reported that the YLD had their statewide conference July 19th at

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the Penn State Conference Center. The YLD is also looking for YLD individuals from Zone 2 and Zone 4 to be delegates to the PBA. Members should advise her if they know of anyone who might be interested. She also reported that YLD members have liaisons to other PBA Committees and if anyone is on a Committee looking for a YLD representative, to feel free to contact her. The YLD continues to support the Wills for Heroes events at local bar associations across the Commonwealth. Patrice also reported the Bar Leadership Institute Class put together a CLE on implicit bias and it was presented at the YLD conference in July. It was excellent.

B. Minority Attorney Conference – Marisa Lattimore, Gina Thomas & Rhodia Thomas. Marisa reported that there was a first subcommittee meeting on July 23, 2018. Gina Thomas reported the subcommittee selected HARRISBURG as the location for the 2019 Minority Attorney Conference. There was discussion about what to work on next, keynote speaker or theme. Gina advised members to contact the subcommittee if a member has a keynote speaker suggestion.

C. Membership Development – Jacqueline Martinez. Sharon López reported for Jackie. The Subcommittee held a meeting and they discussed their vision for the pictorial directory. They are in the process of testing the survey questions to have members answer for the directory and should have a report before the new year.

D. Diversity Summit – Andrea Farney & Tyrone Powell. Andrea Farney reported that the Summit is coming up on October 18, 2018 in Philadelphia and that the program is in good shape. Sponsorships are currently being sought, and she deferred to Sharon Barney, Co-Vice Chair of the Diversity Summit Subcommittee. Registration materials should be out shortly.

1. Sponsorships – Sharon Barney. Sharon reported that there is almost $17,000 in sponsorships so far. These sponsorships are being split equally with the Summit and the Minority and Women Lawyers’ Business Development Forum.

E. PA Law Day - Rachel Hadrick reported the Central PA Minority Law Day is scheduled for Thursday November 1. They are working on the problem for the groups. Announcements to the schools will be sent out soon. Louann advised that the Philadelphia Minority Law Day is scheduled for October 29 at PBI.

F. Newsletter
1. Tom Lee –Tom Lee reported the next issue will be out October 9th and September 10th is the deadline to submit news articles.
2. Ana Paulina Gomez – Sharon López reported for Ana. Ana is working on the “First but not the Last” column. She is going to feature Charisse Lillie.
3. Maraleen Shields – Rising Star. Maraleen reported she is working on the Rising Star nomination.
4. Tribute to Ed Lanza – Rachel Hadrick. Rachel is planning to work on an article on Ed Lanza for the October 9th issue.

G. Governance – Rachel Hadrick and Andy Saylor. Andy Saylor reported for the Subcommittee. He explained that the Subcommittee is looking at the MBC mission statement to see how it currently reflects our Committee’s work. The Subcommittee is also gathering information on the names of other similarly situated Minority Bar Committees.

H. Nominations – Carlton Johnson & Henri Marcial. Carlton Johnson reported for the Subcommittee. He is pleased to announce that Beverly Rampaul is running for PBA Secretary. Amongst other qualifications, Beverly is a former Chair of the Minority Bar Committee and active member of the MBC. Carlton also brought up the Government Attorney of the Year Award, presented annually in November at Committee/Section Day. Carlton recommends the MBC support Denise Smyler for the award. Nominations are due by September 24, 2018 for that award.

V. New Business – Beverly Rampaul addressed the Committee and thanked the Nominations Subcommittee for mentioning her running for PBA Secretary. There was discussion about candidates for the PBA officer positions having opportunities to address the MBC at a future monthly meeting. This would likely include the two known candidates for Vice President, Kathleen Wilkinson and Jay Silberblatt.

VI. Old Business – None.

VII. Member comments or concerns.
Tyesha Miley thanked everyone for their participation in the meeting, which was again held by video conference.

VIII. Adjournment. Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Next Meeting Date: September 14, 2018 – Arlene Marshall Hockensmith, chairing.
Next Executive Council Meeting September 4, 2018

Minutes Submitted by Andrea C. Farney, Secretary.