A meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Minority Bar Committee was held on Friday, October 12, 2018.

I. **Calling Meeting to Order**
   Co-Chair Mike Lee called the meeting to order and Chaired the Meeting.

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

III. **Action Items**
    A. Approval of the minutes of the September 14, 2018 Minutes.
       The minutes of the September 14, 2018 were approved. (Sharon López motion, Beverly Rampaul 2d).
    B. **Hispanic Bar Association of PA Request for Sponsorship for $500.**
       Melissa Martinez informed the Committee that on October 17th at the Philadelphia Downtown Club, the Hispanic Bar Association of PA is holding its annual scholarship dinner. This year 11 law students will be receiving scholarships of $3000 each. 200 guests are anticipated at the event. There is an opportunity for the MBC to sponsor the event and have recognition in the program book. She requests the MBC support the event with a $500 contribution. Sharon López explained the MBC does have this money in our budget and that we sponsor a similar event of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of PA.
Motion to provide $500 to the Hispanic Bar Association of PA in support of scholarships for the annual dinner passed. (Motion made by Sharon López; 2d; no opposition, Kelly Hodge abstention).

C. Barristers of Philadelphia Request for Turkey Dinner Sponsorship for $100.

Sharon López informed the Committee that the Barristers of Philadelphia are once again holding their Turkey Dinner charitable event for Thanksgiving 2018. Sharon noted the MBC has supported this event in the past and MBC members are also connected with the Barristers for the Barristers annual MLK breakfast and Gala. Money is available in the MBC Budget to support the Turkey Dinner Sponsorship.

Motion made to support the Barristers of Philadelphia Turkey Dinner for $100. (Motion by Sharon López, 2d by Mike Lee, approved unanimously with Kelly Hodge abstention).

IV. Special Presentation
A. Benjamin Geffen, Staff Attorney, Public Interest Law Center
(See handouts and bio).

Attorney Geffen gave a presentation on Prison-based Gerrymandering in Pennsylvania. He noted that in Pennsylvania, people who have completed a sentence are entitled to vote as normal. Individuals who are serving a misdemeanor sentence or individuals awaiting trial may vote by absentee ballot. Individuals serving a felony sentence are disenfranchised. He further explained the process of redistricting. State house and senate districts are drawn by a 5-member commission that reconvenes every 10 years. For Congressional redistricting, the general assembly passes a bill which is signed or vetoed by the Governor. For Congressional redistricting, the US Census is used. The next Census will be in 2020. Under Federal Law, individuals who are confined to a penal institution are counted as residents of the election district where the institution is located. Counting is important because resources are allocated based on the Census. The problem is that individuals are typically confined to institutions far away from their homes. Residents of Philadelphia make up 27% of the statewide prison inmate population. The Federal Law results in having these individuals counted outside of their home county, with Philadelphia losing resources while the counties where the prisons are located obtain a windfall.

Pennsylvania law is more favorable, but not adequate. It provides that an individual resides at the last place registered before confinement or if there is no registration, then the last known address before confinement.
B. PBA Elections – Candidates to address the Full Minority Bar Committee
(See handouts and bios)

1. Chair of the House Candidates Kim (Deni) Morton and Tim Kelly. Ms. Morton and Mr. Kelly each gave 3-minute presentations on their candidacies for Chair of the House of Delegates. They also answered questions.

2. Secretary Candidates Bernadette (Bebe) Hohenadel and Beverly Rampaul. Ms. Hohenadel and Ms. Rampaul each gave 3-minute presentations on their candidacies for PBA Secretary. They also answered questions.

3. Vice Presidential Candidates Jay Silberblatt and Kathleen Wilkinson. Mr. Silberblatt and Ms. Wilkinson each gave 3-minute presentations on their candidacies for PBA Vice President. They also answered questions.

Thank you to the candidates for giving their presentations to the MBC Committee.

V. Subcommittee Chair Reports:

A. Minority Law Day – Rachel Hadrick and Nigel Scott
Rachel and Nigel reported they are both recruiting volunteers for their respective events (Central PA and Philadelphia). They are using the same problem (Student Free Speech Rights) this year. Philly is holding their event on 10/29 and Central PA will be 11/1 in Harrisburg. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Rachel, Nigel and/or Louann Bell.

B. Legislative – Riley Ross & Tsiwen Law – Report
Tsiwen reported that the subcommittee was interested in inviting Representative Donna Bullock to speak at a future MBC meeting. December may be a good time for her. Ashley Murphy advised the Committee there are only 3 more days in the state legislative year. The Sanctuary Cities Bill was voted out of the house judiciary committee, but it is unlikely to move forward.

C. Nominations Committee – Henri Marcial & Carlton Johnson
Henri Marcial reported that the Subcommittee has received a list of awards from the Barristers. We could nominate people for some of these awards. The Subcommittee may be putting together a spreadsheet of the awards.

D. Diversity Summit – October 18, 2018 - Andrea Farney & Tyrone Powell
Andrea Farney reminded the Committee that the 10th Diversity Summit is to be held this upcoming Thursday, October 18, 2018, in Philadelphia. It will follow the PBA Minority & Women Lawyers’ Business Development Forum, on Wednesday, October 17, 2018. Registration materials have been sent out (https://www.pabar.org/public/committees/MIN01/pdf/2018/ForumSummitBroch)
ure.pdf). Registration is still available, and she encouraged all to attend and spread the word about these great programs.

VI. New Business
None.

VII. Member comments or concerns.
None.

VIII. Adjournment. Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Next Meeting Date: November 15, 2018 – (Sharon López Leading No Special Presentation)
Next Executive Council Meeting November 5, 2018

Minutes Submitted by Andrea C. Farney, Secretary.