A meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Minority Bar Committee was held on Friday, January 11, 2019.

I. Calling Meeting to Order

Co-Chair Sharon López called the meeting to order in lieu of Tyesha Miley who had a work conflict arise. Marisa Lattimore chaired the latter part of the meeting in Sharon’s absence.

II. Introductions of attendees:

a. Brief introductions of attendees occurred.

III. Action Items:

A. Approval of December 14, 2018 Minutes.

The minutes of December 14, 2018 were approved as modified as to the correct title of the theme for the Minority Attorney Conference. (Henri Marcial motion, Beverly Rampaul 2d).

IV. Special Presentation:

A. Richard Harris, Defense Attorney for Starbucks. This presentation was postponed as Mr. Harris’ train was late in arrival in Philadelphia for the meeting.

V. Subcommittee Chair Reports:

Before starting these reports, Sharon López advised members that the MBC Executive Committee has the next call on January 28, 2019. She reviewed with members that chairs of subcommittees sit on the MBC Executive Committee. She said the Executive Committee is discussing meeting frequency. Changes would not be made without further discussion with the Committee.
A. Minority Attorney Conference – Marisa Lattimore, Rhodia Thomas, and Gina Thomas.

Rhodia reported. The Conference will be October 31 and November 1 in Philadelphia at the PBI Center. The theme is Communities under Attack: Leadership Going Forward. Rhodia mentioned how the subcommittee had discussed recent incidents in the news involving a golf course incident, the targeting of a municipal judge, the mayor under attack, the Starbucks case, and immigration. There is going to be a judicial panel, organized by Judge Domitrovich, and immigration panel, voter suppression, and an ethics panel. Carlton Johnson may have a panel on business development. They are recruiting speakers. The keynote speaker for the 2d day is Phoebe Haden, former Dean of the University of Maryland School of Law.

B. Minority Law Day – Rachel Hadrick, Verdell Dean, and Nigel Scott

1. Philadelphia – Dates. The dates may be October 21 or October 28, 2019. Members noted that the 21st might be better because the Minority Attorney Conference starts October 31, 2019.


3. Pittsburgh - Dates - Verdell reported they are going to use the same problem used at the last Philly and Harrisburg Law Days. That problem was on student speech after Parkland. The event may be scheduled for late March to mid-April.

C. Community Outreach – Raphael Castro and Leticia Chavez-Freed

Sharon López informed the committee that a Lancaster-based attorney, Bill Zee, had been in contact with us about youth courts in central PA. Bill is interested in volunteering in this area. His practice is in representing school districts. Andrea Farney reported that she, Bill, and Leticia had a positive meeting with a junior high school principal in Harrisburg. However, the timing does not seem to be right for the Harrisburg School District right now.

D. Nominations – Henri Marcial and Carlton Johnson

Henri reported. He informed the committee that there is an opening on the Disciplinary Board. The subcommittee recommends the committee support Nigel Scott as a nominee. Henri also reported that the subcommittee is looking to support a nominee for the PA Board of Law Examiners. Henri informed the committee the subcommittee recommends Phil Yoon for PBA Minority Attorney Governor At Large.
Nigel Scott gave the committee a brief biography, including his years in practice, law school attended, and various positions held. He has been working as a solo practitioner for the last 8 years. He graduated from Widener University Delaware Law School. He has experience as a public defender and with the Philadelphia District Attorney’s office. He clerked for a judge and has a general practice. He has been actively involved in Minority Law Day as a Philadelphia volunteer, including authoring the student speech after Parkland problem used this last year.

**Motion made to give Nigel Scott MBC endorsement as a nominee for the PA Disciplinary Board.** (Sharon López, Henri Marcial 2d). The motion passed unanimously with Nigel abstaining.

Phil Yoon gave the committee a brief biography. He is the Chief Staff Attorney for the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, where he oversees the Superior Court’s Central Legal Staff. The Superior Court of Pennsylvania resolves over 8000 appeals and 12,000 motions filed with the Superior Court every year. He is a 1992 graduate of Washington and Lee University School of Law. He has offices in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and Pittsburgh, and is based in Philadelphia. Phil has been active in PBA, including serving as a Co-Chair of the Bar Leadership Institute and is a former YLD Co-Chair.

**Motion made to give Phil Yoon MBC endorsement as PBA Minority Attorney Governor At Large.** (Marisa Lattimore, Henri Marcial 2d). The motion passed unanimously with Phil abstaining.

E. Legislative – Tsiwen Law & Riley Ross

No report from the chairs. Ashley Murphy reported that there will only be a few session days before the budget season begins in February. She anticipates bills moving more around mid-March.

F. Membership Development – Cherylle Corpuz, Jacqueline Martinez, Jesse Exilus, Guerline Laurore – Report on Conference Call

Jackie Martinez reported. The subcommittee is working on the pictorial directory. Jackie described it as a directory with all members contact information, possible photo, field of practice, associated memberships, volunteer work, check box for availability as speaker, as a young lawyer, as available for mentoring, willingness to sponsor or act as local counsel, referral fees, pro bono business. There are some technology issues involved with the project that Jackie defers to other committee members to report on. She mentioned that the subcommittee may organize a “call session” to occur after a MBC meeting. This would allow us to
have available volunteers make calls on the directory when we are already
together.

G. Newsletter – Tom Lee, Marisa Lattimore, Wesley Payne, Ana Gomez, Arlene
Marshall-Hockensmith, Maraleen Shields – March 31, 2019 (Sadie Alexander
Article – Rachel Hadrick)

Tom Lee reported March 22, 2019 is the deadline for the next issue with a
publication date of April 26, 2019.

H. Government Attorneys – Beverly Rampaul, Nefertiri Sickout, Gina Thomas

No report.

VI. New Business
None.

VII. Announcement
A. Attorney Letters to Prisoners – Leticia Chavez-Freed and Riley Ross (Hayes
M.D.) is assigned to Judge Joe E. Jones, III. Hearing on Injunction set for
January 16, 2019 at 9:00.

VIII. Member comments or concerns

1. Trent Hargrove informed the Committee that he is looking for nominations for the
2019 Award for Outstanding Leadership in Diversity & Inclusion.
2. Members should be aware that this is the time of year where Zone Governors look
for individuals to nominate for the PBA House of Delegates. Members who are
interested should self-identify to their Zone Governor.

IX. Adjournment. Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Next Executive Council Meeting January 28, 2019

Next Meeting Date: February 8, 2019 (Mike Lee will lead the meeting with special
presentation TBD).

Minutes Submitted by Andrea C. Farney, Secretary.