*FINAL APPROVED*
Pennsylvania Bar Association
Minority Bar Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday February 8, 2019

Attendees: Sharon López (Co-Chair), Arlene Marshall-Hockensmith (Co-Vice Chair), Tyesha Miley (Co-Vice Chair), Andrea Farney (Secretary), Sharon Barney, Louann Bell (PBA), LaToya Winfield Bellamy, Norris Benns, Jennifer Coatsworth, Pamela Cross, Judge Domitrovich, Chuck Eppolito, Kristen Gibbons Feden (Guest Speaker), Bridget Gillespie (PBA), Ana Paulina Gomez, Trent Hargrove (PBA), Anne John (PBA President Elect), Stephanie Latimore, Tsiwen Law, Marissa Lattimore, Sophia Lee, Tom Lee, Jackie Martinez, Kadeem Morris, Dianne Nichols, Tyra Oliver, Elizabeth Oquendo, Wes Payne, Beverly Rampaul, Michael Sand, David Schwager (PBA Vice President), Nigel Scott, David Trevaskis (PBA), Maraleen Shields, Dolly Shuster, Jay Silberblatt, Gina Thomas, Sandra Thompson, Patrice Turenne, and Kathleen Wilkinson, Phil Yoon.

A meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Minority Bar Committee was held on Friday, February 8, 2019.

I. Calling Meeting to Order
Co-Vice Chair Tyesha Miley called the meeting to order on behalf of Co-Chair Mike Lee, who was unable to attend.

II. Introductions of attendees:
   a. Brief introductions of attendees occurred.

III. Action Items.
   A. Approval of January 11, 2019 Minutes.

The minutes of January 11, 2019 were approved as presented. Dolly Shuster abstained.

IV. Special Presentation.
   A. Kristen Gibbons Feden
   Attorney Feden discussed her experience prosecuting William H. Cosby, Jr. (Bill Cosby) and the intersectionality of the experience. Note: Attorney Feden will be the keynote speaker for the May 2019 PBA Women in the Profession Annual Conference, May 15, 2019 in Lancaster, PA.

V. Subcommittee Chair Reports:
   A. Minority Attorney Conference – Marisa Lattimore, Rhodia Thomas, and Gina Thomas.
Marissa Lattimore reported the Conference is scheduled for October 3 and October 4. This will be the 30th anniversary of the Minority Attorney Conference. Phoebe Haddon, Chancellor and Professor of Law Rutgers University is the keynote speaker. Tom Kline will also be a guest speaker during the luncheon on the 2d day. The theme is “Communities under Attack: Leadership Going Forward.” The panel presentations will include examples on the theme such as the incident at the York golf course, the Tree of Life Massacre, immigration, and voter suppression. Business development as it relates to medical marijuana may be offered as well as a judicial panel. The location is at the Philadelphia PBI Center.

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

Nigel Scott reported that the next Philadelphia Law Day will be October 21, 2019. Bridget Gillespie and Verdell Dean reported that the Western PA Law Day is scheduled for April 9, 2019. They are going to use the same problem used by Central PA and Philadelphia in 2018. There is a planning meeting next Wednesday (2/13). Mike Sand suggested presentations on the role of the lawyer, and basics of what case law is to assist the students.

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

Sharon López reported that Raphael Castro is moving forward with the Philadelphia Youth Court project. He is targeting fall 2019 for a time to train 10 attorneys in the Philly area to participate. Sharon also reported Leticia Chavez-Freed needed to step-down down as Co-Chair because of her solo-practice workload/schedule.

D. Nominations Committee – Henri Marcial & Carlton Johnson

Sharon reported for Henri Marcial and Carlton Johnson. She reported that it appears our recommendation to have Phil Yoon nominated for Minority-at-large Governor on the PBA Board is moving forward. The Subcommittee also assisted Kelly Hodge with her nomination to the Board of Law Examiners. Nigel Scott decided this was not the right time for him to apply to the PA Disciplinary Board.

E. Legislative – Tsiwen Law & Riley Ross

Tsiwen Law reported the state legislature is working on the budget and will have hearings on it. During this time frame there isn’t much if any movement on any bills. He expects Ashley Murphy will be updating the legislative chart for us soon. On the federal level, there is another deadline for potential shut-down of February 21, 2019.
F. Membership Development – Cherylle Corpuz, Jacqueline Martinez, Jesse Exilus, Guerline Laurore – Report on Conference Call

No report.

G. Newsletter – Tom Lee, Marisa Lattimore, Wesley Payne, Ana Gomez, Arlene Marshall-Hockensmith, Maraleen Shields

Maraleen Shields advised members she is in the process of looking for the next rising star. She explained that the target for this award is a younger lawyer. Tom Lee reported that March 22, 2019 is the next deadline for articles for the Newsletter.

VI. New Business

A. Minority-at-large Governor. Sharon López explained the policy issue of whether to make the Minority and Women-at-large Governor permanent positions. She is putting together background information on this and invites anyone interested in working on it to contact her.

VII. Member comments or concerns.

None.

VIII. Adjournment. Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Next Meeting Date: March 8, 2019. (Sharon López will lead the meeting with a special presentation by Sandra Thompson, Esquire).

Minutes Submitted by Andrea C. Farney, Secretary.