Pennsylvania Bar Association
Minority Bar Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 11, 2020

Attendees: Tyesha Miley (Chair), Tony Thompson (Vice-Chair), LaToya Winfield Bellamy (Secretary), Susan Wolf (PBA), Rodney Akers, Fred Cabell, Bill Cluck, Jennifer Coatsworth, Anthony Cox, Jr., Thadeus Edwards, Jennifer Ellis, Bridget Gillespie, Marshal Granor, Trent Hargrove, Carlton Johnson, Brandon Jordan, Tsiwen Law, Marisa Lattimore, Funke Leroy, Jacqueline Martinez, Michael McDonald, Ashley Murphy, Beverly Rampaul, Michael Sand, David Schwager (PBA President), Maraleen Shields, Jay Silberblatt, Jessie Smith, David Trevaskis, Bill Warren, Lisa Watson, Kathleen Wilkinson and Tom Wilkinson. (717) 683-2229

A meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA) Minority Bar Committee (MBC) was held on Friday, September 11, 2020.

Tyesha Miley called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

I. Welcome and roll call.


III. Action Items.
   A. Approval of the August 14, 2020 Minutes on the motion by Beverly Rampaul and second by Jackie Martinez. Motion passed.

IV. Subcommittee Chair Reports:
   A. Diversity Summit – Presented by Anthony Cox, Jr.

      The flyer for the interactive virtual conference on October 7, 2020 is circulating. A call to members to spread the word was issued.


      The next publication date is October 5, 2020. The Rising Star Program will be featured. A new chair is needed for the Program. Arlene Marshall-Hockensmith, Anthony Cox, Jr. and Sharon Lopez volunteered to lead the search.

   C. Legislative – Presented by Tsiwen Law, Ashley Murphy and Fred Cabell.

      State House and Senate have returned to session. Police reform bills have not moved ahead. The budget process has not begun.

      Federal agencies remain in furlough status. House and Senate are in negotiations to keep the government open. Naturalization ceremonies have come to a halt and...
in impact on voter registrations could result. An Executive Order halting racial sensitivity training in federal agencies was issued.

D. Minority Attorney Conference – Presented by Marissa Lattimore.

The Committee will meet on September 22 to discuss the Minority Attorney Conference *Health of the Justice System* for the 2021.

E. Membership – Presented by Jackie Martinez.

A reminder to the Executive Council that headshots are needed.

V. Liaison Reports

A. YLD – Presented by Brandon Jordan.

They continue to work on the engagement of young lawyers via social media.

B. Diversity – Presented by Michaele Sand.

A Diversity Team panel discussion is scheduled for September 23. The panel will feature Teressa Ravenell, Riley Ross, Esq. and Franklin County District Attorney Matthew Fogel. The event is in partnership with the PBA Diversity Team.

It is proposed that each PBA Committee have a diversity representative.

C. Education – No report.

VI. New Business

A. Election Fellows information is available for those interested.

VII. Member comments or concerns

A. The PBI will present Diversity & Inclusion Best Practices During COVID-19 on September 25.
B. Reminder to request/return mail-in ballots for the November 3rd general election.
C. Arcadia University is hosting a virtual program on Race & Justice, September 12 at 9:45 a.m.

VIII. Adjournment at 12:35 p.m.

**Next Executive Council Meeting – October 5, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.**

**Next Committee Meeting Date: October 16, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by LaToya Winfield Bellamy, Secretary.