

TENNESSEE BAR ASSOCIATION  
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018 AT 2:00 P.M. CDT  
THE PEABODY HOTEL, MEMPHIS

**I. Call to Order:**

The House of Delegates (HOD) of the Tennessee Bar Association (TBA) convened its regular meeting on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at The Peabody Hotel in Memphis. Speaker Matt Willis opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. CDT, and Secretary Meredith Humbert called the roll. The following members were present in person or on the telephone via conference call:

Rick Bearfield - Telephone	Weber McCraw
Rebecca Blair	Harrison McIver
Robert Bratcher	Bryce McKenzie
Karen Burns - Telephone	Marcia McMurray - Telephone
Jim Cartiglia	Timothy Mickel - Telephone
Eve Charlesworth - Telephone	Jennifer Noe
Steve Conley	Steve Ogle - Telephone
Lisa Cothron	Alicia Oliver - Telephone
Terri Crider - Telephone	Jane Powers
Jason Davis - Telephone	Andy Roskind
Jamie Durrett	Walter Schuler
Hank Fincher - Telephone	Ewing Sellers
Kelly Frere - Telephone	Jonathan Steen
Ted Goodman	Arnold Stulce - Telephone
Nicole Grida	Graham Swafford - Telephone
Tim Housholder - Telephone	Tim Takacs - Telephone
Meredith Humbert	Edward Townsend
Elizabeth Hutton	Charlie Trotter
Justin Hutton	Pat Vital - Telephone
Charlotte Knight Griffin	Bridget Willhite
Nina Kumar - Telephone	Matt Willis
John LaBar - Telephone	Shelly Wilson - Telephone
Melanie Lane	Randy Womack
Neil McBride	Chad Wood - Telephone

TOTAL: 48 members, constituting a quorum.

Also present were: President Lucian Pera, Executive Director Joycelyn Stevenson, Public Policy and Governmental Affairs Director Berkley Schwarz, and Executive Assistant Karen Belcher.

## **II. Minutes of the March 23, 2018 HOD Meeting:**

The minutes of the March 23, 2018 HOD meeting were presented and approved upon motion without reading.

## **III. TBA President's and Executive Director's Reports:**

President Lucian Pera welcomed everyone to Memphis. President Pera reported that the state budget was passed, which included a designation of 9.7 million dollars for recurring new money directed to attorney payment for indigent representation. The TBA is appreciative of the increase and believes it is a step in the right direction. President Pera also described the results of a survey of attorneys from across the state related to funding for indigent representation. President Pera reported that a state-wide commission to institutionalize interest in indigent representation is still needed. President Pera expressed appreciation to Tim Takacs for his \$5,000 matching challenge to fund LAWPAC.

Executive Director Stevenson expressed appreciation for everyone's support during her first year. Executive Director Stevenson reported that Berkley Schwarz has worked very well with accomplishing goals since starting her position as Director of Public Policy & Governmental Affairs in January. The TBA staff is making strives to become more efficient with drafting legislation and reaching out to legislators. Executive Director Stevenson reported that she and Berkley will be traveling across the state in the upcoming year to meet and hear from members of the TBA.

No action was requested by President Pera or Executive Director Stevenson.

## **IV. Legislative Update Report:**

Director of Public Policy & Governmental Affairs Berkley Schwarz discussed the status of matters, as set out in Tab 2 of the materials. Many of the pending legislation relate to family law matters. Director Schwarz expressed that family law is always a subject that is important to legislators because they hear from the citizens, who describe how they are personally affected by laws.

## **V. Installation of New Speaker**

Speaker Willis passed the gavel to Deputy Speaker Jim Cartiglia. Speaker Willis expressed gratitude for the professionalism that has been expressed by members during his term. Speaker Willis commended the members of the HOD for their professionalism while dealing with difficult issues during his term.

## **VI. Elections**

An Election Committee of four, consisting of the last four Speakers of the HOD, was formed for purposes of recommending officers. Jane Powers served as Chair of the committee. The committee recommended that Secretary Meredith Humbert be elected Deputy Speaker and that Charlotte Knight Griffin be elected Secretary. A Motion was made and passed unanimously to elect Meredith Humbert Deputy Speaker. Thereafter, a Motion was made and passed unanimously to elect Charlotte Knight Griffin Secretary.

## **VII. Announcements:**

Speaker Cartiglia recognized Lisa Cothron and expressed gratitude for her leadership in the effort to increase funding for indigent representation.

Speaker Jim Cartiglia announced that the next HOD meeting will be Friday, September 28, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. CDT at the Tennessee Bar Center in Nashville. Thereafter, the HOD will meet at the Tennessee Bar Center on January 18, 2019 in conjunction with the TBA Leadership Conference.

## **VIII. Adjournment:**

After the work of the HOD was completed for this meeting, upon Motion made with no opposition, the HOD was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meredith B. Humbert  
Secretary