

**District of Columbia Bar
Board of Governors Meeting
March 17, 2026**

**Call to Order
(Agenda Item 1)**

President Sadina Montani called the meeting to order.

The following members of the Board of Governors (“Board”) attended the meeting: President-Elect Diane A. Seltzer, Treasurer Joshua L. Mogil, Immediate Past President Shaun M. Snyder, Leila S. Bham, Gaffar Chowdhury, Karen A. Newton Cole, Anthony J. Coppolino, Shirley Diaz, Francis Dong, Patrick C. English, Natalie M. Koss, Louis Lopez, Andrea Mangones, Ramya Ravindran (remote), Secretary Bennett Rushkoff, Stephen A. Saltzburg, Mark A. Salzberg (remote), Belinda Edwards Taylor, and Courtney L. Weiner (remote).

Board members Lukman S. Azeez, Treasurer-Elect Amanda C. Molina, and Deandra Roache did not attend the meeting.

The meeting was also attended by Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Robert J. Spagnoletti, Pro Bono Center Executive Director Kelli Neptune, Chief Operating Officer Matthew Butler, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Margarita Lorenzetti, General Counsel (outgoing) Erum Mirza (remote), General Counsel (new) Christopher Ryan, and Chief Programs Officer Darrin Sobin.

Additional D.C. Bar/Pro Bono Center staff attended but did not speak during the meeting.

**Consent Agenda
(Agenda Item 2)**

President Montani presented the Consent Agenda, consisting of the Secretary’s draft minutes of the Board’s meeting on January 27, 2026.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

See Tab 2.

**President's Report
(Agenda Item 3)**

President Montani reported on (i) the latest issue of the Ambassador, (ii) the Youth Law Fair, (iii) the DC Cup Moot Court Competition, (iv) international bar events, (v) the D.C. Bar Voluntary Bar Leadership Institute, (vi) the ABA Bar Leadership Institute, (vii) an upcoming D.C. Bar event featuring Justice Sotomayor, (viii) Board of Governors Day at the Advice & Referral Clinic in April, (ix) the President's Reception in June, and (x) recognition of Immediate Past President Snyder's work as Chair of the Nominations Committee.

**Treasurer's Report
(Agenda Item 4)**

Treasurer Mogil presented the Treasurer's Report, summarizing the Bar's financial results through the second quarter of FY 2026 (ending December 31, 2025).

See Tab 4.

**CEO's Report
(Agenda Item 5)**

After introducing the Bar's new General Counsel, Mr. Ryan, CEO Spagnoletti reported on (i) the recent ABA Bar Leadership Institute, (ii) other bars' interest in the D.C. Bar's AI-powered Lawyer Referral Service, (iii) the online voting process for the Bar's 2026 General Elections, (iv) the Bar's member reception on April 28, and (v) the Bar's virtual forum in May for the President-Elect candidates.

CEO Spagnoletti thanked outgoing General Counsel Mirza for her many accomplishments as the Bar's first General Counsel.

See Tab 5.

**Report of the Nominations Committee
(Agenda Item 6)**

After recognizing the work of Nominating Committee members and Bar staff in recruiting, processing, and nominating candidates, Immediate Past President and Nominations Committee Chair Snyder reported on the Committee’s nominations of candidates for the D.C. Bar 2026 General Elections. He identified the two candidates for President-Elect, the two candidates for Treasurer-Elect, the eleven candidates for the Board of Governors, and the four candidates for ABA Delegate positions.

Mr. Snyder also reported on the Committee’s recommendation that Dr. Francis H. Dong be reappointed to a full term as a non-attorney member of the Board of Governors. The Board approved the reappointment of Dr. Dong.

CEO Spagnoletti recognized the efforts of Debbie Hearn, the Bar’s new Director of Marketing and Communications, and her team in promoting opportunities for Bar members to be candidates in the 2026 General Elections.

See Tab 6.

**Appointment to Fill D.C. Bar Delegate Vacancy
(Agenda Item 7)**

President Montani presented her recommendation that the Board appoint Donald Quinn as D.C. Bar Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates for a term ending August 2026, filling the seat left vacant by the resignation of Lorelie (“Lorie”) Masters. The Board approved the appointment.

See Tab 7.

**Appointment to Fill Vacancy on the Judicial Evaluation Committee
(Agenda Item 8)**

President Montani presented her recommendation that the Board approve the appointment of Lisa Fishberg to serve on the Bar’s Judicial Evaluation Committee for the term ending September 30, 2026, filling the seat left vacant by the resignation of Lloyd Liu. President Montani further recommended that the Board approve the appointment of Ms. Fishberg to serve a subsequent full term ending on June 30, 2029. The Board approved the appointment of Ms. Fishberg to a term ending September 30, 2026, and to a subsequent term ending June 30, 2029.

See Tab 8.

**Budget Committee Report
(Agenda Item 9)**

President-Elect and Budget Committee Chair Seltzer presented the Committee’s proposed budgets for FY 2027 (July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027) for the Bar and for the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center, after thanking CFO Lorenzetti and Committee members for their work on the budgets. She stated that the Pro Bono Center’s Board of Directors was scheduled to vote that day on the proposed budget for the Pro Bono Center, and that the Bar’s Board of Governors was scheduled to vote on April 14 on the proposed budget for the Bar. CEO Spagnoletti, CFO Lorenzetti, and others responded to questions from Board members about the proposed budgets.

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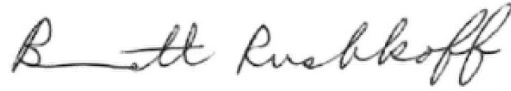
**Executive Session
(Agenda Item 10)**

The Board moved into Executive Session.

**Adjournment
(Agenda Item 11)**

There being no further business, President Montani adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bennett Rushkoff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bennett Rushkoff
Secretary