

**District of Columbia Bar  
Board of Governors Meeting  
July 22, 2025**

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

President Sadina Montani called the meeting to order and noted that there was a quorum.

The following members of the Board of Governors (“Board”) attended the meeting: President-Elect Diane A. Seltzer, Treasurer Joshua L. Mogil, Treasurer-Elect Amanda C. Molina (remote), Immediate Past President Shaun M. Snyder (remote), Lukman S. Azeez (remote), Leila S. Bham, Karen A. Newton Cole, Anthony J. Coppolino, Shirly Diaz, Patrick C. English, Natalie M. Koss, Andrea Mangones, Ramya Ravindran, DeAndra Roache, Bennett Rushkoff, Stephen A. Saltzburg (remote), Mark A. Salzberg (remote), Belinda Edwards Taylor, Courtney L. Weiner (remote).

Board members Gaffar Chowdhury and Louis Lopez did not attend the meeting. Former Board member June Kress attended the meeting.

D.C. Bar Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) Robert J. Spagnoletti attended the meeting along with the following D.C. Bar staff: Chief Operating Officer Matthew Butler (remote), Chief Financial Officer Margarita Lorenzetti, Chief Information Officer Caterina Luppi, General Counsel Erum Mirza, Chief Programs Officer Darrin Sobin, David Chu (remote), Katina Clark (remote), Mary Cole (remote), Dennis Cuevas, Akil Ellis, Carla Freudenburg, Kevin Goode (remote), Amy Hackett (remote), LaTanya Hunter, Rhonda Jackson, Meredith Janssen (remote), Gabriella Lewis-White, Raymond List (remote), Tim Ramlogan, Pamela Robinson, Delonte Rogers, Crystal White, and Adriana Zick.

Chief Judge Anna Blackburne-Rigsby (D.C. Court of Appeals) and Chief Judge Milton Lee (Superior Court of D.C.) attended the meeting remotely.

**Remarks by Chief Judge Lee  
(Agenda Item 4)**

Chief Judge Lee discussed the value of the Superior Court’s longstanding partnership with the D.C. Bar, the benefits of the Superior Court’s new “360” interactive virtual tour, the work of the Civil Legal Regulatory Reform Task Force, and the ongoing challenges posed by judicial vacancies.

**Board Member Introductions  
(Agenda Item 2)**

Each of the Board members in attendance introduced themselves.

**Remarks and Swearing-In of the Board of Governors  
by Chief Judge Blackburne-Rigsby  
(Agenda Item 3)**

Chief Judge Blackburne-Rigsby congratulated President Montani and President-Elect Seltzer and thanked Immediate Past President Snyder for his service. She discussed the D.C. Courts’ responses to recent challenges, plans for the Court of Appeals’ virtual tour initiative, the continuing vacancies on the Court of Appeals, the upcoming report of the Civil Legal Regulatory Reform Task Force, the work of the D.C. Courts’ new AI task force, the transition to the NextGen Bar Exam, and the need for pro bono representation for appeals. She commended the collaboration between the Bar and the courts, the work of the D.C. Bar staff, and the pro bono contributions of D.C. practitioners.

Chief Judge Blackburne-Rigsby then swore in the Board of Governors.

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

President Montani described two of her focuses for this Bar year: modernization of the apprenticeship model for the practice of law and support for the voluntary bars. She reported on the successful development efforts from the Pro Bono Center's Presidents Reception and on the D.C. Council's vote to fully restore Access to Justice funding. She encouraged Board members to sign up for one-on-one meetings with her and to participate in Advice and Referral clinics on July 26th, September 20th, and October 18th.

**Consent Agenda  
(Agenda Item 6)**

President Montani presented the Consent Agenda to the Board, including draft minutes for the June 17, 2025 Board meeting, draft minutes for the June 26, 2025 Annual Business Meeting, Board committee appointments, and appointment of the Board Secretary.

*See Tab 6.*

The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

**CEO's Report  
(Agenda Item 7)**

CEO Robert Spagnoletti described the CEO Report, which is included among the materials for all regularly scheduled Board meetings and the bi-weekly *Ambassador* newsletter, and encouraged Board members to share the *Ambassador* with their networks. He urged Board members to help find qualified candidates when the Board must make appointments or recommendations for vacancies on commissions and other bodies. CEO Spagnoletti also gave updates on the Bar's Federal Attorney Career Summit held on June 23, 2025, and on the D.C.

Court of Appeals' amendment of the Rule governing the Bar's use of mandatory bar license fees; the amendment aligns the Rule with the U.S. Supreme Court's standard for integrated bars.

*See* Tab 7.

**Appointment to Fill Board of Governors Vacancy  
(Agenda Item 8)**

President Montani proposed that the Board appoint Dr. Francis Dong to fill the vacant non-voting position on the Board. The Board approved the appointment.

*See* Tab 8.

**Executive Session  
(Agenda Item 9)**

The Board moved into Executive Session.

**Adjournment  
(Agenda Item 10)**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Bennett Rushkoff  
Secretary