

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING**

THURSDAY, January 21, 2021

The Annual Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association was held on Thursday, January 21, 2021, via Zoom video conference due to the ongoing concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The January Annual Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2021 was called to order by President Maura McGuire at 5:33p.m. A quorum was present at the time the meeting was called to order. The following officers of the NCBA were present when the meeting was called to order:

Maura Zajac McGuire, President
Paul Harak, President-Elect
Steven Molder, Vice President
Jeremy F. Clark, Treasurer
Rebecca J. Kulik, Secretary
Robert Eyer, Past President

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Quarterly Association Meeting of November 12, 2020 were previously distributed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Member Barbara Hollenbach, and seconded by Member William Matz. The motion was approved unanimously by the members in attendance at the meeting.

III. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Bar Association was pleased to welcome new member, Amanda Bernier. Attorney Bernier was sponsored by Member David M. Ceraul and

Member Nicole Cheskey. A motion to admit Attorney Bernier was made by Member Ceraul and seconded by Member Jonathan Huerta. The motion was approved unanimously by the members in attendance at the meeting.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President made the following announcements to the membership:

- A. Members should promptly return Committee Preference Forms, as committees are now forming.
- B. Members are encouraged to attend future Bar Association events. A list of upcoming events was distributed prior to the meeting by e-mail.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jeremy F. Clark presented the Treasurer's Report which was previously distributed to members for review. He announced the total balance of all accounts as \$1,274,466.61, and noted that this was a decrease from last year. No questions were raised by the members. The report was accepted for audit.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Member Ricky Santee reported that he is the newly appointed Board of Governors liaison to the Foundation Committee. There will be no Foundation event in 2021.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Member Tyree Blair has accepted an appointment to the Board of Governors to complete the term of late Member Joshua Fulmer.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A proposed resolution in opposition to House Bill 38, which relates to organizing statewide appellate courts into legislatively-created regional judicial districts, was previously circulated to all members for review. Member Joel Scheer made a motion to adopt the resolution. Member Rick Santee seconded the motion. Member Jonathan Huerta made a motion to amend the resolution to remove the phrase containing the word "gerrymandering" in the fourth "Whereas" clause. Members Scheer and Santee, having previously moved and seconded, agreed to Member Huerta's amendment. A robust discussion was held. The motion was approved by 79% of the members in attendance at the meeting.

X. BARRISTERS' BOAST

The following announcements were made:

- A. Member Mike Albanese worked with the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor to ensure the return of mules Hank and George. Member Albanese camped out at Canal Park in Easton for weeks to keep an eye on Hank and George over the summer.

- B. Member Rebecca Kulik recently received a promotion at the Northampton County District Attorney's Office to the position of Chief Deputy District Attorney.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Member Ellen Kraft and seconded by Member Jonathan Huerta. The motion was unanimously approved by the members in attendance at the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 6:26.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca J. Kulik

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