

MINUTES
CCCBA Special Board Meeting
January 10, 2022
Via Zoom

Board Members Present: Craig Nevin, Ericka McKenna, David Pearson, Cary McReynolds, David Erb, Qiana Washington, Andy Verriere, Dean Christopherson, David Ratner, Marta Vanegas

Absent: Dorian Peters, Sutter Selleck, Jonathan Lee, Mike Pierson, Terry Leoni, Patanisha Davis Pierson

Call to Order: Ericka called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

New Business

1. Proposed CCCBA Statement about Ahmaud Arbery verdict & sentencing- A motion was made to adopt a proposed statement about the Ahmaud Arbery verdict & sentencing. The motion was seconded. After discussion, an amendment to the statement was offered and a motion was made to accept the amended statement. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The approved statement is as follows:

The Contra Costa County Bar Association (CCCBA) applauds the recent guilty verdict and Defendants' sentencing for their horrific murder of Ahmaud Arbery. We are hopeful that the jury's verdict and Court's sentencing provides Mr. Arbery's friends, family, and community some closure and sense of justice for a wrong that cannot ever be set right.

We know that, "justice delayed is justice denied." The prosecution of Mr. Arbery's murderers was delayed because the original prosecutor had a relationship with the defendants. We are relieved that, because of the hard work of those involved in the justice system, the matter was ultimately brought before the proper tribunal, a fair trial was held, and a just verdict was returned.

Justice must be blind to any form of favoritism or bias. We trust that the continuing investigation will result in any individuals who obstructed justice being charged and a fair trial held.

The CCCBA stands for diversity, equity, and inclusion; we seek to foster relationships within our legal community as well as the community at-large. Therefore, in all of its activities and operations, the CCCBA strives to eliminate discrimination based on race, color, religion (creed), gender (including gender identity and expression), age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military veteran status. We issue this statement as an example of our commitment to stand against racism, oppression, and discrimination and to promote equal justice for all.

Ericka adjourned the meeting at 5:14 pm