

# MINUTES

## Contra Costa County Bar Association

### Board Meeting

June 7, 2023

Via Zoom Only

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**Board Members Present:** David Erb, David Pearson, Sutter Selleck, Mike Pierson, Ericka McKenna, Dorian Peters, Patanisha Davis Pierson\*, Dean Christopherson, Marta Vanegas, Ann Battin, Ariel Lee, Jonathan Lee, Terry Leoni  
*\*P. Pierson serves on the CCCBA Board of Directors in her individual capacity and not as an official representative of the City of Brentwood.*

**Staff:** Jody Iorns, Executive Director

**Guests:** Craig Nevin, Punita Bhasin

**Board Meeting Call to Order:** David E. called the Board Meeting to order at 5:30 pm

### New Business

**Nominations Committee:** Ms. Bhasin was invited to leave during this discussion. D. Pearson, Chair of the Nominations Committee reviewed Ms. Bhasin's qualifications, the committee's interview and subsequent recommendation that she be approved for Board Membership. P. Pierson moved and A. Battin seconded the motion to approve Punita Bhasin as a member of the CCCBA Board of Directors. The vote was unanimously approved. Ms. Bhasin was invited back in and welcomed to the Board of Directors.

**AB924 Mediation Confidentiality:** D. Erb invited discussion and comment on the invitation submitted by Ron Kelly for the CCCBA Board of Directors to write a letter in OPPOSITION to AB924. Extensive conversation was held on this topic. E. McKenna moved and S. Selleck seconded the motion to submit a letter in opposition to AB924. Motion passed unanimously.

**C3 Task Force Proposal:** R. Robinson reviewed the history of this idea to create a 501C3 arm for the CCCBA organization. He reviewed the pros and cons as outlined in an email submitted for the Board's review a few days before the Board meeting. Guest, Craig Nevin, member of the C3 Task Force shared his thoughts about the proposal as well. Members of the Board also weighed in on their thoughts and opinion about the proposal. At this time, R. Robinson, as Chair of the C3 Task Force is simply asking for insights, thoughts and questions. No formal action was taken by the Board.

**Amicus Brief Request from Alameda Health System:** D. Erb discussed the request by the Alameda Health System for CCCBA to write an Amicus Brief to support the efforts to get clarity from the State Supreme Court in regards to Guardians and the role they hold in serving persons with diminished capacity. S. Selleck, M. Pierson and P. Pierson spoke to this issue as well. D. Pierson moved and S. Selleck seconded a motion to approve the writing of an Amicus Brief with review with P. Pierson requesting instruction by the Court on this matter. J. Lee & T. Leoni abstained, remainder of Board Members voted yes. Motion carried.

**Request for Governance committee:** P Pierson moved and E. McKenna seconded motion for governance committee to create an Amicus policy on what types of briefs we accept and how we vet briefs. Motion passed unanimously.

### President's Report

**Social mixer with FLS Board of Directors set for 6/15/23.**

**Finance Report – Michael Pierson, Treasurer**

M. Pierson presented the May finance report. Year to date income: \$321,967; YTD Expenses: \$328,293 for a deficit of \$6,326. Without the ERTC fee, CCCBA would have a \$8,674 surplus.

**Executive Director's Report**

Jody reviewed the upcoming events for the Board:

- Referred to list of activities. Strongly encouraging Board to attend the All-Section Mixer AND to sign up for the Talent/No-Talent Show!

**Consent Calendar: S. Selleck moved/D. Pearson Seconded** to approve minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Board meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. – to move into CLOSED SESSION