

Appointments Committee
State Bar of Arizona

July 10, 2023
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
ZOOM

Open Session Minutes

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

V = present virtually; A = absent.

Ted Schmidt, Chair	V	Kathryn Krejci	V
Caroline Allen	V	Kim Miles	V
Casey Arellano	V	Judy O’Neill	V
Stephanie Ehrbright	A	Tim Sparling	V
Alexis Firehawk	A	Georgia Staton	V

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Guests: None
State Bar Staff: Carrie Sherman
Minutes taken by: Carrie Sherman

I. CALL TO ORDER

Called to Order by: Ted Schmidt, Chair

Time: 4:31 p.m.

II. Call to the Public

There were no members of the public present.

III. Minutes

A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2023, meeting as disseminated.

IV. City of Avondale Judicial Advisory Board

There is one opening. The Board of Governors is asked to send three nominations to the Avondale City Council for consideration and ultimate appointment. The Avondale Court staff were notified that, after several months of recruitment efforts which included an application deadline extension, the State Bar received only two applications. The Court staff “are comfortable” with the Committee moving forward with the two applicants. The Committee had received the due diligence reports, determined that both candidates were eligible/qualified and by acclamation agreed to submit the two candidates to the Board of Governors for its

consideration and possible nomination to the Avondale City Council:

Ms. Ashley Fitzwilliams, Kurt M. Altman PLC, Phoenix
Ms. Alexis Keith, Snell & Wilmer, Laveen

V. ABA Young Lawyer Delegate

There is one opening due to the incumbent being aged out. The Board of Governors appoints. The Committee discussed the candidate criteria which indicates that each of the State Bar's Delegates "should represent a different county, although exceptions have been made in the past." Three of the seven candidates were from rural counties and were the focus of the Committee's discussions. Due diligence reports on all candidates were shared. Each Committee member then cast a vote for his/her top rural candidate. The Committee recommended the following slate of candidates for the Board's consideration and ultimate appointment of one new ABA young lawyer Delegate:

Ms. Rachel Raynes, Cochise County Attorney's Office, Bisbee	4 votes
Ms. Jessica L. Scibelli, Gila County Attorney's Office, Payson	2 votes
Ms. Casi M. Harris, Yavapai County Attorney's Office, Prescott	1 vote

VI. ABA Lawyer Delegate

There is one opening. The Board of Governors appoints. The Committee discussed the candidate criteria which indicates that each of the State Bar's Delegates "should represent a different county, although exceptions have been made in the past." One of the candidates is from a rural county. Due diligence reports on all candidates were shared. Each Committee member then cast up to three votes for his/her top candidates. The Committee recommends the following slate of candidates for the Board's consideration and ultimate appointment of one ABA lawyer Delegate:

Ms. Tiffany Toms, Pima County Attorney's Office, Tucson	7 votes
Ms. Milagros Cisneros, Bryan Cave Phoenix	5 votes
Ms. Lynda Shely, The Shely Firm PC, Scottsdale	5 votes
Ms. Jennifer Lee-Cota, Papetti Samuels Weiss McKirgan LLP, Scottsdale	1 vote

VII. Adjournment: 4:58 p.m.