



# Federal Bar Association

## ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FY2024

### September 5, 2024 Meeting

- Approved June 14, 2024 Board Meeting minutes
- Approved June 14, 2024 Executive Committee minutes
- Approved revised Policy 2-9: Investments and the Investment Policy Statement
- Approved the FY2025 Budget
- Authorized the CEO to enter into a contract with an AMS vendor subject to the approved expenses as included in the FY25 budget
- Approved updates to the annual dues collection process to be implemented in the new membership database
- Approved an updated Transition and Continuity Plan
- Adopted a resolution that authorizes and empowers the CEO, President, and Treasurer to act, give instructions, access information, use Bank's services, perform transactions, enter into agreements, and delegate authority on behalf the operational account of the Federal Bar Association at Truist Bank
- Approved the Annual Meeting Committee's recommendation of the Richmond Chapter as the host chapter for the 2026 Annual Meeting and Convention
- Approved FY2025 committee appointments
- Approved the Admiralty Law Section's Policy 9-3 waiver request and revised bylaws
- Approved the Senior Lawyers Division's revised bylaws
- Approved revised policy 1-13: Standards of Professional Ethics and Conduct

### June 15, 2024 Meeting

- Approved minutes from the March 23, 2024 Meeting
- Ratified April 15, 2024 email vote to approve the Immigration Law Section's Policy 9-3 Waiver request to allow the current chair to serve an additional year
- Approved the report and recommendations of the Sections and Divisions Task Force and referred the recommendations to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee for implementation
- Approved the recommendation of the Government Relations Committee to send a letter to the Judicial Conference in support of Judge Ludwig's proposal to allow by discretion of the court a remote appearance of a defendant subject to the defendant's consent
- Postponed consideration until January (after dues renewal season is over) of request from the Northern District of California and the Sacramento Chapters for dues reduction for public sector attorneys
- Approved the report and recommendations of the Awards Program Task Force
- Authorized President Hafen to send charter compliance correspondence to two chapters

### **April 15, 2024 Email Vote**

- Approved the Immigration Law Section's Policy 9-3 Waiver request to allow the current chair to serve an additional year

### **March 23, 2024 Meeting**

- Approved Minutes from the January 12, 2024 Meeting
- Ratified February 12, 2024 email vote to approve the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation to approve the office construction budget and use reserves from the general fund to cover expenses not covered by landlord funding
- Approved Minutes from the March 6, 2024 Meeting
- Approved the Report of the Audit Committee and the audited September 30, 2023 year-end financials
- Authorized use of \$40,000-\$70,000 reserve funds to engage with a consultant for AMS/membership database assessment and selection project
- Approved Bylaw amendments to allow for certification of uncontested elections
- Approved initiating the process to amend the Constitution regarding membership eligibility for law students who have graduated and are who are awaiting bar admission results
- Approved the pricing for Firm Memberships
- Approved two new dues categories: \$250 for Judicial Sustaining Member; \$250 for Public Sector Sustaining Member

### **March 6, 2024**

- Approved the allocation of up to \$35,100 for technology investment for a data hygiene project, subject to the CEO being comfortable with the vendor's data sources

### **February 12, 2024 Email Vote**

- Approved budget for the build out of the new office space and use of reserves from the general fund to cover expenses not covered by landlord funding

### **January 12, 2024 Meeting**

- Approved Minutes from the September 21, 2023 Annual Meeting
- Ratified September 26, 2023 email vote to extend honorary membership to Judge Karen Sage, President of the National Association of Women Judges
- Ratified September 28, 2023 email vote to adopt GerberTaylor resolution as part of the administrative process to receive dissolution assets from the FBBC
- Ratified October 16, 2023 email vote regarding a statement on the violence in Israel
- Adopted the recommendations of the Uncontested Election Task Force and referred the report to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee
- Ratified December 6, 2023 email vote to approve presidential nominations for annual UN Passes
- Ratified of December 12, 2023 email vote to approve revisions of Policy 1-22: Governance Implementation
- Approved amendments to Policy 9-7: Section and Division Programming that clarifies staffing support for programming
- Approved the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee to fully divest from the GerberTaylor Hedge Fund

- Approved the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee to modify the Investment Policy Statement's long-term reserves target range to 65%/35% equity/fixed income
- Referred a proposal to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to address membership eligibility for first year practitioners awaiting bar results
- Approved the creation of a task force to review national awards
- Approved amended Banking Law Section Bylaws that change officer terms from 2 years to 1 year
- Approved amended Judiciary Division Bylaws that consolidated standing committees
- Approved Intellectual Property Section request for a Policy 9-3 waiver to allow their treasurer to serve an additional year
- Approved amended Policy 9-8: Law Student Chapters that adjust deadlines to correspond with the school year
- Changed the title of the national staff executive position to *Chief Executive Officer* from *Executive Director*

#### **December 12, 2023 Email Vote**

- Approved revisions to Policy 1-22: Governance Implementation

#### **December 6, 2023 Email Vote**

- Approved Presidential nominations to annual UN Passes

#### **October 16, 2023 Email Vote**

- Approved a statement on the violence in Israel