DRAFT* Minutes of the National Bar Association
Opening Plenary Meeting
At the 2019 Annual Meeting
Sheraton Times Square, New York City
July 21, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

* Draft minutes are subject to revision by the Secretary, Assistant Secretary and approval by the Board of Governors

The Opening Plenary Session of the Board of Governors of the National Bar Association was called to order on July 21, 2019 at 10:50 a.m. by the National Bar Association ("NBA") President with Joseph Drayton, NBA President, in the Chair, and Ashley Upkins, NBA Assistant Secretary, present.

The Assistant Secretary called the roll by state representation and a quorum was established.

_______________ (speaker name not announced), made the following motion:

I move to adopt the rules as read to the Body into operation for this Annual Meeting.

The motion was adopted.

Sheila Boston, Chair of the Minority Partners in Majority Firms, made the following motion:

I move to adopt the agenda with the amendment to allow Alexis Hoag of the NAACP to present to the Body.

The motion was adopted.

Alexis Hoag, Senior Counsel for the NAACP gave remarks.

Joseph Drayton, President of the NBA, gave the President’s report.

Mavis T. Thompson, Past President of the NBA 2009 - 2010, took a point of
personal privilege and stated “Let the record reflect a standing ovation from members of the Body in recognition of the 50 years that Arthenia Joyner has attended NBA Annual Conventions.

Dean Alfreda Robinson, President-Elect of the NBA, presented her report.

Wiley Adams, Vice President of Membership, made the following motion:

**I move to approve the minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting.**

The motion was adopted.

Yuri Walker, Vice President of Sections and Divisions, presented her report.

Wiley Adams, Vice President of Membership, stood on his report.

Anthony Hall, Vice President of Finance, stood on his report.

Hon. Leonard Murray, Treasurer, gave a financial update.

Ashley Upkins, Assistant Secretary, stood on the Secretary’s report.

Joseph Drayton, President of the NBA, announced that the Constitution & Bylaws Committee Report and the Issues and Resolutions Committee Report would be given during the closing plenary session on July 25, 2019.

Eileen Letts, Chair of Necrology and Sharon Strickland, Committee Member, presented the Necrology report and recognition.

Kim Kendrick, Chair of the Nominations Committee presented her report.

Darryl Parks, Past President of the NBA, made the following motion:

**I move and nominate Dean Tamara Lawson to be considered for the position of Member-at-Large.**

The motion was adopted.

Lynn Whitfield, Member, made the following motion:
I move that nominations for the 2019 elections be closed.

**The motion was adopted.**
The following are the 2019 election candidates for the following positions:

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<td>Member-at-Large (three positions)</td>
<td>Henry Floyd, Maryland</td>
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<td>Hon. Anne-Marie Clarke, Missouri</td>
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<td>Dean Tamara Lawson</td>
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<td>Secretary (one position)</td>
<td>Ashley L. Upkins, Tennessee</td>
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<td>Vice President (three positions, 2 two-year</td>
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<td>and 1 one-year)</td>
<td>Stephanie Hunter, Alabama</td>
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<td>Lonita Baker, Kentucky</td>
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<td>Nathaniel Lee, Indiana</td>
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<td>President- Elect (one position)</td>
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<td>Robert Collier, Texas</td>
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Dominique Calhoun, Member-at-Large made the following motion:  
I move to adjourn the Opening Plenary Session.

The motion was adopted.

The meeting was recessed at 12:25 pm until the closing Plenary Session scheduled for July 25, 2019 at 9:00 am.

Attached Documents

To access the referenced Reports and Other Information referenced below, please press the “ctrl” button while clicking the underlined highlighted words below:

AGENDA

Preliminary Convention Program

President, Report of President Joseph Drayton  
Board Actions 2018-2019

Vice President of Sections and Divisions, Report of Vice President Yuri Walker

Vice President of Regions and Affiliates, Report of Former Vice President Robert Collier

Vice President of Membership, Report of Vice President Wiley Adams

2019.03.06 NBA Board Minutes DRAFT.pdf Report of Secretary Rachel Anderson

*2019.01.17 minutes are on the agenda but please note that they were approved at the March meeting as per the link above

Financial Update of Treasurer, Hon. Leonard Murray
NBA Bank Balances
NBA Cash Flow

Member-at-Large, Report of Member-at-Large Maria John

Region II, Report of Director Ghenya Grant
Region IV, Report of Director Will Hudson
Region V, Report of Director Hon. Latrice Westbrooks
Region VI, Report of Director John Williams
Region X, Report of Director Tiece Dempsey
Region XI, Report of Director LaShawnda Jackson
Region XII, Report of Director Kendra Perkins Norwood
       includes Region XII Newsletter

Government Lawyers Division, Report of Chair Christopher Hebert
Law Professors Division, Report of Chair Dean Tamara Lawson
Law Students Division, Report of Chair Kevin Jones
Legislative Division, Report of Chair Amber Freeman
LGBTQ Division, Report of Chair Jonathan Patterson
Minority Partners in Majority Firms Division, Report of Chair Sheila Boston
Women Lawyers Division, Report of Chair Valencia Rainey
Young Lawyers Division, Report of Chair Chanell Autrey

ADR/CPR Joint Seminar on the Diversity Dilemma, Alternative Dispute Resolution Law
Section, Report of Chair Gloria Johnson
Civil Trial Advocacy Section, Report of Chair Past President Vanita Banks
       NBA Civil Trial Advocacy Boot Camp Program Flyer
Commercial Law Section, Report of Chair Kwamina Williford
Corporate Law Section, Report of Chair Twanda Turner-Hawkins
Criminal Law & Juvenile Justice Section, Report of Chair Lei-Chala Wilson
       CL&JJ Attachment on CL&JJ Programs
Health Law Section, Report of Chair Laverne Largie Tucker

Awards Committee, Report of Chair Alicia Awkard

Past President, Report of Past President Kevin Judd
Draft MOU with the Jamaican Bar Association
Draft MOU between the NBA and Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies

General Counsel, Report of General Counsel Taa Grays

Ashley L. Upkins
Assistant Secretary, National Bar Association