

**NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
REMOTE MEETING  
JUNE 14, 2023**

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Present: Bridgette Ahn, Hon. Karen T. Beltran, Jane Bello Burke, David Louis Cohen, Orin J. Cohen, Sarah E. Gold, Susan L. Harper, LaMarr J. Jackson, Richard C. Lewis, Michael A. Marinaccio, Michael A. Markowitz, Michael J. McNamara, Hon. James P. Murphy, Domenick Napoletano, Mirna M. Santiago, Violet E. Samuels, Lauren E. Sharkey, Kathleen M. Sweet, Pauline Yeung-Ha

Mr. Lewis presided over the meeting as President of the Association.

1. Mr. Lewis called the meeting to order.
2. Approval of Mission Statement of Task Force on Affirmative Action. Mr. Lewis advised the members of the Executive Committee on the establishment of a Task Force on Affirmative Action. After discussion, a motion was duly carried to approve the mission statement of the Task Force on Affirmative Action, which reads as follows:

The Task Force on Affirmative Action is established to develop recommendations to be presented to the House of Delegates and the Executive Committee in response to the rulings of the U.S. Supreme Court in *Students for Fair Admissions (SFFA) v. University of North Carolina* and *Students for Fair Admission v. Harvard University* concerning the constitutionality of affirmative action. The Task Force will:

1. be guided by the historical, legal, and societal context for the creation of the affirmative action policies,
  2. evaluate alternative approaches for educational institutions and other impacted entities to continue to attract and admit diverse students, and,
  3. consider the legal ramifications of these alternative approaches.
3. Date and place of next meeting. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will take place on Friday, November 3, 2023, in person at the Bar Center in Albany, New York, with an option for remote participation via Zoom.
  4. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting of the Executive Committee was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, written in a cursive style, that reads "Taa R. Grays". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first name "Taa" being particularly prominent.

Taa R. Grays

Secretary