

**NEW YORK BAR ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
BAR CENTER, ALBANY, NEW YORK
APRIL 6, 2024**

PRESENT: Afzali, Ahn, Alcott, Antongiovanni, Arenson, Aufses, Averna, Babbie, Barreiro, Bascoe, Baum, Berlin, Bernstein, Block, Bondar, Bonina, Braverman, Broderick, Brown, Bucki, Buholtz, Burke, Burner, Buzard, Campbell, Carlisle, Carter, Chandrasekhar, Chimeri, Christian, B. Cohen, D. Cohen, O. Cohen, Cohn, Davidoff, de Freitas, Degnan, Dennis-Taylor, Doyle, D’Souza, Dubowski, DuVall, Effman, Eisner, Feal, Fellows, Fennell, Fernandez, Finerty, Finkel, Frenkel, Gerstman, Gilbert, Gilmartin, Glover, Gold, Graber, Grande, Grays, Greenberg, Griesemer, Gutekunst, Gutierrez, Haig, Harper, Heath, Henderson, Hill, Hoffman, Houth, Islam, Jackson, Jacobson, James, Jamieson, Jayne, Jiminez, Loyola, Kamins, Karson, Kelley, Kennedy, Kobak, Koch, Kohlmann, Kretzing, Lamb, LaRose, Lathrop, Lau-Kee, Levin Wallach, Levin, Levy, Lewis, Liebman, Lissauer, Mack, MacLean, Madigan, Malkin, Markowitz, Maroney, Marotta, Martin, Masri, Matos, May, McCann, McCormick, McElwreath, McGinn, McKeegan, McNamara, McPherson, Messina, Meyer, C. Miller, M. Miller, R. Miller, Montagnino, Moretti, Morris, Morrissey, Murphy, Napoletano, Nasser, Nielson, Nimetz, Nowotarski, O’Connor, O’Donnell, A. Palermo, C. Palermo, Pappalardo, Petterchak, Pierson, Quaye, Randall, Reale, Riano, Richter, Riedel, Rosner, Russell, Ryan, Safer, Samuels, Schraver, Schwartz-Wallace, Seiden, Sen, Sharkey, Silkenat, Skidelsky, Soren, Spring, Starkman, Strong, Strenger, J. Sunshine, N. Sunshine, Sweet, Terranova, Treff, Triebwasser, Vaughn, Walsh, Waterman Marshall, Weis, Wesson, Westlake, Willaims, Yeung-Ha, Young, Younger

Mr. Napoletano presided over the meeting as Chair of the House.

1. Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Welcome.
2. Approval of minutes of January 19, 2024, meeting. The minutes of the January 19, 2024, meeting were approved as distributed.
3. Report of Treasurer. NYSBA Treasurer Susan L. Harper, Esq. reported on the association’s operating budget through February 29, 2024. The report was received with thanks.
4. Report of President. Mr. Lewis highlighted the items contained in his written report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.
5. Presentation of 2024 Ruth Bader Ginsburg Memorial Scholarship Award to Kristen Popham of Columbia Law School. Mr. Lewis presented the annual Ruth Bader Ginsburg Memorial Scholarship Award to Kristen Popham, a second-year law student at Columbia Law School, in recognition of her academic achievements and work on behalf of women’s and disability rights.

6. Election of Nominating Committee and State Bar Delegates to ABA House of Delegates. Past-President and chair of the Nominating Committee Scott Karson, Esq. presented the election of members of 2024-2025 Nominating Committee and State Bar Delegates to the ABA House of Delegates.

There being no further nominations, a motion was made and carried to elect the members of the Nominating Committee and State Bar delegates to the ABA House of Delegates.

There was 1 (one) abstention.

7. Report and Recommendations of the Trusts and Estates Law Section – Proposed Legislation – Becoming a Voluntary Administrator Act. Stacey Woods, Esq., member of the Trust and Estates Law Section presented the Section’s legislative proposal supporting the *Becoming a Voluntary Administrator Act*. After discussion, a motion was adopted to approve the report and recommendations.
8. Informational Report of the New York City Bar Association – Constitutional Cap Proposal. The Honorable Andrea Masley, chair of the NYC Bar’s Constitutional Cap Subcommittee – a subcommittee of the Council on Judicial Administration – and Laurel Kretzing, Esq. presented the report titled *Repeal the Cap and Do the Math: Why We Need a Modern, Flexible, Evidence-Based Method of Assessing New York’s Judicial Needs*. The report was received with thanks.
9. Report and Recommendations of the Strategic Planning Committee. Taa R. Grays, Esq., co-chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, presented the final report and recommendations of the Committee. After discussion, a motion was adopted to approve the report and recommendations.

There was one (1) abstention.

10. Report and Recommendations of the Task Force on Artificial Intelligence. Vivian Wesson, Esq., chair of the Task Force on Artificial Intelligence presented the Task Force’s report and recommendations.

After discussion, the following friendly amendment was rejected and then a motion was made to amend:

Page 9, under ***Task Force Recommendations, 2. Focus on Education:*** The Task Force recommends that NYSBA prioritize education ~~over~~ in addition to legislation, focusing on educating judges, lawyers, law students and regulators to understand the technology so that they can apply existing law to regulate it.

Page 53, last paragraph: ~~Rather than invent new laws to address AI concerns~~ In addition to legislation, the Task Force suggest that we create a comprehensive education plan for judges, lawyers, law students and regulators so they can address the risks associated with AI using existing laws and regulations, such as providing...

The motion to amend passed.

There were three (3) abstentions.

After discussion, a further motion was made to amend:

Page 53, last paragraph: In addition to legislation, if and when determined to be necessary the Task Force suggest that we create a comprehensive education plan for judges, lawyers, law students and regulators so they can address the risks associated with AI using existing laws and regulations, such as providing...

The motion to amend passed.

There was one (1) abstention.

After discussion, the following friendly amendment was made and accepted:

Page 9, under ***Task Force Recommendations, 3. Identify Risks for New Regulation:*** Legislatures and regulators should identify risks associated with the technology that are not addressed by existing laws, which will likely involve extensive hearings and studies involving experts in AI, and as needed adopt regulations and legislation to address those risks.

Page 54, second to last paragraph: Third, the Task Force recommends that legislatures and regulators seek to identify risks associated with the technology that are not addressed by existing law. This may involve extensive hearings, studies involving experts in AI and increased costs. Once such risks are identified, new laws and regulations should be crafted to address those risks.

After discussion, a motion was adopted to approve the report and recommendations as amended.

There was one (1) abstention.

11. Report of the Committee on Membership. Clotelle Drakeford, Esq. and Michelle Wildgrube, Esq., co-chairs of the Committee on Membership, and Pat Stockli, Esq., NYSBA's Senior Director of Attorney Engagement and Retention presented regarding the Association's membership engagement and retention efforts. The report was received with thanks.
12. Report of The New York Bar Foundation. Carla M. Palumbo, President of The Foundation, and Thomas Kissane of CCS Fundraising, updated the House members on Foundation activities, including the awarding of grants, fellowships, and scholarships. The report was received with thanks.

13. Administrative Items. Mr. Napoletano thanked President Lewis for his leadership during his tenure as President and thanked the retiring members of the Executive Committee and the House for their service. Mr. Napoletano congratulated Kathleen Sweet on being the next President-Elect and officially transferred the gavel to her.
14. New Business. There was no new business.
15. Date and place of next meeting/Adjournment. Mr. Napoletano announced that the next meeting of the House of Delegates will take place on Saturday June 8, 2024. There being no further business to come before the House of Delegates, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Taa R. Grays".

Taa R. Grays
Secretary