

NEW HAMPSHIRE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, February 12, 2015
Bar Center – Concord, NH
3:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Present for all or part of the meeting were:

David W. Ruoff	Robert R. Howard III
Christopher T. Regan	Danielle Y. Vanderzanden
David W. McGrath	Catherine E. Shanelaris
James A. Shepard	Edward T. Clancy
Lanea A. Witkus	Russell F. Hilliard
John D. MacIntosh	Jeannine L. McCoy
Deborah Hawkins	Valenda Morrisette

A meeting notice reminder, and related materials were emailed February 5th. Additional materials were emailed February 11th. Unless otherwise noted, all motions reported are deemed to have been appropriately proposed, seconded and voted upon by those present.

REGULAR SESSION

A. CALL TO ORDER

David Ruoff

David Ruoff called the meeting to order at 3:09.

Secretary's note: There was not a quorum for this meeting. Meeting actions will be on the February 26th Board of Governors' meeting agenda for ratification.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

B. Legislative Committee Actions

NHBA Lobbyist, John MacIntosh reported on the action of the Association's Legislative Committee at their last four meetings. The committee reviewed around 100 bills during this session. Both the Legislative Committee and the Board of Governors considered the *Chapman* and *Keller* decisions in the course of deliberation on the bills under consideration.

John reviewed the bills for which the committee is recommending a position of **SUPPORT**, SB 90 and SB 91.

ACTION

On motion to accept the Legislative Committee's recommendations for SB 90 and SB 91. (PASSED) Unanimously.

John reviewed these two proposed constitutional amendments for which the committee is recommending a position of **OPPOSE**.

CACR 0006, CACR 0008- (John noted that this proposed amendment is dead.)

ACTION

On motion to accept the Legislative Committee's recommendations for CACR 0006 and 0008. (PASSED) Unanimously.

John reviewed the following bills for which the committee is recommending a position of **OPPOSE**.

HB 440, HB 461, HB 509, HB 513, HB 516

ACTION

On motion to accept the Legislative Committee's recommendations for HB 440, HB 461, HB 509, HB 513, HB 516. (PASSED, with 1 abstention- Lanea Witkus on HB 516.)

John reviewed the following bills for which the committee is recommending a position of **OPPOSE**.

HB 640, SB 167, HR 007

ACTION

On motion to accept the Legislative Committee's recommendations for HB 640, SB 167, HR 007. (PASSED with 1 abstention. David Ruoff on HR 007)

John reviewed the following bills for which the committee is recommending a position of **Information Negative**.

CACR 005, HB 207, HB 247, HB 249, HB 352, HB 417

ACTION

On motion to accept the Legislative Committee's recommendations for CACR 005, HB 207, HB 247, HB 249, HB 352, HB 417. (PASSED) Unanimously.

John reviewed the following bills for which the committee is recommending a position of **Information Negative**.

HB 435, HB 441, HB 443, HB 637

ACTION

On motion to accept the Legislative Committee's recommendations for HB 435, HB 441, HB 443, HB 637. (PASSED) Unanimously.

John says that there was a hearing on HB 540 on 2/3, and to date has been no recommendation on the bill. This may happen this week. He will let us know.

ACTION

On Motion to table discussion on HB 540. (PASSED with two abstentions- Ted Clancy and Christopher Regan.)

John reviewed the following bills for which the committee is recommending a position of **Information Neutral**. In most cases, there were issues in how the bills were drafted; the language was often ambiguous or contradictory.

HB 158, HB 160, SB 57 (These bills all were about condo associations. They will most likely end up in study.)

(Secretary's note: Rob Howard left at this point.)

John reviewed HB 203 and HB 230.

ACTION

On motion to accept the Legislative Committee's recommendations for HB 158, HB160, SB 57, HB 203 and HB 230. (PASSED) Unanimously.

John reviewed HB 236, for which the committee is recommending a position of **Information Neutral**. The Board felt there were Chapman issues with this bill.

ACTION

On motion to change the position for HB 236 from Information Neutral to **No Position**. (PASSES with one no vote.)

John reviewed the following bills for which the committee is recommending a position of **Information Neutral**. In most cases, there were issues in how the bills were drafted; the language was often ambiguous or contradictory.

HB 246 (John noted that the House voted this bill down this week as inexpedient to legislate.)
HB 265, HB 285, HB 398, HB 418, SB 59, SB 103, SB 123

ACTION

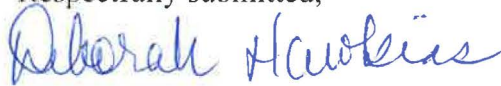
On motion to accept the Legislative Committee's recommendations for HB 246, HB 265, HB 285, HB 398, HB 418, SB 59, SB 103, SB 123. (PASSES. Chris Regan abstained on HB 265, Ted Clancy abstained on SB 103.)

There was brief discussion on the bills for which the Legislative Committee was recommending a position of No Position.

ADJOURNMENT

The February 12, 2015 Special Board of Governors' meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Hawkins, for
Scott H. Harris, Secretary

