

NEW HAMPSHIRE BAR ASSOCIATION
SPECIAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
Friday, April 8, 2011
Bar Center – Concord, NH
3:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Present for all or part of the meeting were:

Lawrence A. Vogelmann
Peter E. Hutchins
Robert R. Howard, III
James J. Tenn, Jr.
Jaye Rancourt
Eric D. Cook
Jacki A. Smith

Sheila J. Burnham
Quentin J. Blaine
Christopher T. Regan
Philip L. Pettis
After Executive Session ended:
Jeannine L. McCoy
Valenda Morrissette

A meeting notice was emailed March 23rd. A meeting notice reminder and information was emailed April 6th and distributed at the meeting. The agenda is duplicated below in order of consideration of agenda items. Unless otherwise noted, all motions reported are deemed to have been appropriately proposed, seconded and voted upon by those present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. CALL TO ORDER Lawrence Vogelmann

The Special Session of the April 8, 2011 Board of Governors meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Bar Association Vice President Lawrence A. Vogelmann.

B. Interview Superior Court Chief Justice Nominee Hon. Tina Nadeau

REGULAR BUSINESS (Regular Session called to order at 3:55 p.m.)

C. Public Defender Contract Renewal Jeannine McCoy
(Jacki Smith abstained)

RSA 604-B:4 calls for NHBA approval of any Public Defender Program with which the state intends to contract. Statute Excerpt: **604-B:4 Contract.** – The state of New Hampshire, by the judicial council and with the approval of governor and council, shall contract with any organization or groups of lawyers approved by the board of governors of the New Hampshire Bar Association to operate the public defender program and provide public defender representation as provided in RSA 604-B:2 and 3. The contract shall fix the number of defender attorneys providing representation in each county and shall permit the public defender program to subcontract for attorney services, including appellate services, as may be necessary to provide such representation. No such contract shall be effective for longer than 2 years. The compensation for operation of the public defender program shall be such sums as may be fixed by the contract, subject to the appropriations made therefore.

ACTION

The **Board approved** a Resolution approving the NH Public Defender “as an organization to operate a Public Defender Program and provide Public Defender representation for the State of New Hampshire for the 2011-2013 biennium.”

D. Legislation Committee Report

Jeannine McCoy
John MacIntosh

The Board ratified Informational positions on the following bills as recommended by the Legislation Committee.

HB305; HB378; HB405; HB510; HB522*; HB536*; HB546*; HB563*; HB567*;
HB587*; HB591*

*It was noted that these bills have been found ‘inexpedient to legislate’ or have been retained.

The Board ratified a Generally Favorable position on HB 609, as recommended by the NHBA Legislation Committee.

The Board ratified a Generally Unfavorable position on HR 7, as recommended by the NHBA Legislation Committee.

Legislative Representative John MacIntosh provided current updates on various bills. He pointed out that the NHBA Legislation Committee has done a lot of work during the session, reviewing over 1000 bills – 150 of those intensively.

ADJOURNMENT

The April 8, 2011 Special Board of Governors Meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannine L. McCoy, for
Peter E. Hutchins, Secretary