

NEW HAMPSHIRE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS SPECIAL MEETING
REMOTE
Tuesday, November 7, 2023
6:00 p.m.

**REMOTE
MINUTES**

Present for all or part of the meeting were:

Anthony Naro
Barry C. Shuster
Christopher T. Regan
Chrissy Hanisco
Derek Lick
Jason Dennis
James Shepard
Jonathan M. Eck
Joshua Wyatt
Kathleen Mahan
Kyle D. Robidas
Leslie Leonard

Lindsey B. Courtney
Monique M. Schmidt
Paul W. Chant
Kristen Fields
Petar Leonard
Robert Lucic
Susan Aileen Lowry
Vanessa Wilson

Debbie Hawkins

A notice of the special meeting, and related materials were emailed to all governors on November 6, 2023. The agenda is duplicated below in the 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.

A. Consideration of Revised Proposed Legislation by the Real Property Law Section

President Paul Chant called this special meeting of the Board to order at 6:13 p.m.

Paul discussed the revised draft legislation received from the Real Property Law Section. This special meeting has been called so the Board can consider the legislation. They must approve any proposed legislation before it can be submitted to the Legislature for consideration.

There was discussion about various aspects of the proposed legislation. Some Board members questioned how effective the legislation would be and thought it might be more of a policy issue.

Other concerns expressed were that the legislation did not meet the criteria under which the NHBA supports legislation. Several Board members felt that they could not support this legislation due to Chapman concerns, and that there would not be substantial unanimity across the bar. It was felt that the matter that this legislation was drafted to correct was not a concern to the majority of the members of the NHBA. In addition, several members expressed concerns about what entities in NH might oppose the legislation. The Section has not provided this information to the Board as requested.

President Paul Chant added that the individuals involved could find a sponsor and submit it, but not on behalf of the bar.

The majority of the Board felt that an individual should find a sponsor to introduce the legislation. The Board of Governors would then review it after the NHBA Legislation Committee has reviewed and made a recommendation to them.

ACTION

On Motion:

Not to authorize the Real Property section to submit this legislation on behalf of the NHBA. Passes 14-2, with one abstention, Petar Leonard.

B. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah J. Hawkins

Deborah J. Hawkins, for Susan Aileen Lowry, Secretary