

**Legal Services Corporation  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Open Session  
Saturday, January 29, 2011**

Minutes

Chairman John G. Levi convened an *open session* meeting of the Legal Services Corporation's ("LSC") Board of Directors ("the Board") at 8:54 a.m. on Saturday, January 29, 2011. The meeting was held at the Legal Services Corporation's 3rd Floor Conference Center, 3333 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007.

The following Board members were in attendance by telephone:

John G. Levi, Chairman  
Martha L. Minow, Vice Chair  
Sharon L. Browne  
Robert J. Grey, Jr.  
Victor B. Maddox  
Laurie I. Mikva (by telephone)  
Charles N.W. Keckler  
Harry J.F. Korrell  
Father Pius Pietrzyk  
Julie A. Reiskin  
Gloria Valencia-Weber  
Victor M. Fortuno, President and General Counsel (*ex officio*)

Also attending were:

Katherine Ward	Executive Assistant, Office of Legal Affairs
Betty Balli Torres	Executive Director, National Association of IOLTA Programs (NAIP)

Ben Obregon	Vice-Chair, Client Board Representative of Legal Action of Wisconsin
Jo-Ann Wallace	CEO and President, National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA)
Lillian Johnson	Community Legal Services of Arizona
Carol Ponce	National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA)
Harrison D. McIver	Memphis Area Legal Services, Inc.
Sam H. Buchanan, Jr.	Mississippi Center for Legal Services
Andrea E. Loney	Executive Director, South Carolina Legal Services
Joan Glanton Howard	Chief Counsel, National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA)
Sheila A. Hubbard	Executive Director, Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Boston Bar Association
Rhodia Thomas	Executive Director, MidPenn Legal Services, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Anthony Young	Executive Director, Southern Arizona Legal Aid
Brenda Ford Harding	Neighborhood Legal Services, Washington, D.C.
Linda Perle	Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)
Ann Carmichael	American Bar Association
Camille Holmes Wood	National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA)
Don Saunders	National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA)
Terry Brooks	American Bar Association Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants
Mark Freedman	Senior Assistant General Counsel, Office of Legal Affairs (OLA)
Atitaya Pratoomtong (OLA)	Staff Attorney, Office of Legal Affairs (OLA)
Chuck Greenfield	Program Counsel III, OPP
Ronald "Dutch" Merryman	Assistant Inspector General for Audits

Laurie Tarantowicz	Assistant Inspector General and Legal Counsel
David L. Richardson	treasurer and Comptroller
Patricia D. Batie (OLA)	Corporate Secretary, Office of Legal Affairs
Kathleen Connors	Acting Executive Assistant to the President/Executive Assistant for GRPA, EXEC
Jeffrey E. Schanz	Inspector General
Treefa Aziz	Government Affairs Representative, GRPA

The following summarizes actions taken by, and presentations made to, the Board:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Levi opened the *open session* meeting for business.

### **MOTION**

Dean Minow moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Browne seconded the motion.

### **VOTE**

The motion passed by voice vote of the Board members.

### **MOTION**

Dean Minow moved to approve the minutes of the *open session* meetings of October 19, 2010, November 23, 2010 and January 3, 2011. Father Pius seconded the motion.

### **VOTE**

The motion passed by voice vote of the Board members.

Chairman Levi opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the LSC Board of Directors.

**MOTION**

Mr. Maddox moved to nominate Chairman Levi for Chairman of the LSC Board of Directors. Ms. Reiskin seconded the motion.

**VOTE**

The motion passed by voice vote of the Board members.

The Board members unanimously voted in favor of re-electing Chairman Levi.

Chairman Levi opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair of the LSC Board of Directors.

**MOTION**

Father Pius moved to nominate Dean Minow for Vice-Chair of the LSC Board of Directors. Ms. Browne seconded the motion.

**VOTE**

The motion passed by voice vote of the Board members.

The Board members unanimously voted in favor of re-electing Dean Minow as Vice-Chair.

**MOTION**

Dean Minow moved to delegate to the Chairman of standing authority to make committee assignments and non-voting non-Directors to committees. Professor Keckler seconded the motion.

## **VOTE**

The motion passed by voice vote of the Board members.

## **MOTION**

Ms. Reiskin moved to adopt the resolution thanking Victor M. Fortuno for his service as LSC President. Mr. Grey seconded the motion.

## **VOTE**

The motion passed by voice vote of the Board members.

Chairman Levi introduced LSC's new incoming President, Jim Sandman. Ms. Reiskin commended Chairman Levi for his leadership in running the search for a new LSC President.

Chairman Levi thanked the members of the Search Committee for their efforts.

## **MOTION**

Dean Minow moved to adopt the resolution thanking advisory members, Laveeda Morgan-Battle, Doug Eakeley, Bob Stein, Frank Strickland, and Deidre Weir, for their participation on the 2010 Search Committee for LSC President. Professor Valencia-Weber seconded the motion.

## **VOTE**

The motion passed by voice vote of the Board members.

## **MOTION**

Professor Keckler moved to dissolve the Search Committee. Dean Minow seconded the motion.

**VOTE**

The motion passed by voice vote of the Board members.

**MOTION**

Dean Minow moved to adopt the resolution commemorating the 100 year anniversary of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association and its contributions to the legal services community. Ms. Browne seconded the motion.

**VOTE**

The motion passed by voice vote of the Board members.

**MOTION**

Mr. Grey moved to adopt the resolution recognizing the distinguished support and work by Bob Evans. Professor Keckler seconded the motion.

**VOTE**

The motion passed by voice vote of the Board members.

Chairman Levi next presented the Chairman's Report. He reflected on the work of the LSC Board members during 2010. Several Board members provided comments.

Mr. Fortuno, President and General Counsel, next presented the President's Report. He reported that LSC completed grantmaking, briefly touched upon the TIG Conference, and welcomed Jim Sandman to LSC.

Mr. Schanz, Inspector General, presented the Inspector General's Report. He handed out a draft 2011 work plan identifying some of the issues that the OIG would like to address during the year. Mr. Schanz commended Mr. Fortuno for his work as LSC President.

Ms. Johnson, Community Legal Services of Arizona, and other members of the African American Project Directors Association, introduced themselves and shared their commitment to equal access to justice for all. Ben Obregon, Client Board Representative of the Legal Action of Wisconsin, provided comments on behalf of the Latino section of the NLADA. Ms. Johnson and Mr. Obregon answered Board members' questions.

Ms. Torres, Executive Director, National Association of IOLTA Programs, next briefed the Board on how the diminished availability of IOLTA funds has affected the delivery of civil legal services.

Ms. Browne presented the report of the Promotion and Provision for the Delivery of Legal Services Committee on behalf of Ms. Mikva.

Mr. Grey presented the report of the Finance Committee.

### **MOTION**

Mr. Grey moved to adopt the resolution revising the temporary operating budget to reflect a carryover of \$3.5 million and authorizing the Chairman of the Board, along with the Chairman of the Finance Committee, to increase and decrease annual grants awards as necessary to react to the 2011 appropriation. Dean Minow seconded the motion.

## **VOTE**

The motion passed by voice vote of the Board members.

Mr. Maddox presented the report of the Audit Committee.

Professor Keckler presented the report of the Operations and Regulations Committee.

## **MOTION**

Professor Keckler moved to approve the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on 45 CFR 1609 and publish it for public comment. Ms. Browne seconded the motion.

## **VOTE**

The motion passed by voice vote of the Board members.

Dean Minow presented the report of the Governance and Performance Review Committee.

## **MOTION**

Dean Minow moved to adopt the proposal to amend the Governance and Performance Review Committee's charter to clarify the scope of the Committee's duties with respect to reviewing the performance of officers. Ms. Browne seconded the motion.

## **VOTE**

The motion passed by voice vote of the Board members.

## **MOTION**



Dean Minow moved to adopt the proposed resolution establishing a plan for reviewing the performance of the Inspector General. Ms. Browne seconded the motion.

### **VOTE**

The motion passed by voice vote of the Board members.

Chairman Levi presented the report of the Development Committee.

Mr. Maddox presented the report of the Fiscal Oversight Task Force.

### **MOTION**

Mr. Grey moved to suspend the Fiscal Oversight Task Force's reporting date of March 31, 2011 until some future time as it can be determined when the Task Force can report. Dean Minow seconded the motion.

### **VOTE**

The motion passed by voice vote of the Board members.

Chairman Levi solicited public comments. Mr. Brooks, ABA, Ms. Wallace, NLADA, provided comments.

There was no new business to consider.

Chairman Levi thanked all of the committee chairs, the staff and Mr. Fortuno for all of their efforts.

### **MOTION**

Dean Minow moved to adjourn into the *closed session* portion of the meeting. Professor Father Pius seconded the motion.

Chairman Levi adjourned the *open session* meeting at 11:10 a.m.

*I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes adopted by the Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors April 16, 2011.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor M. Fortuno", written over a horizontal line.

**Victor M. Fortuno**

*Vice President for Legal Affairs,  
General Counsel & Corporate Secretary*