

PUBLIC UTILITY LAW SECTION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, December 8, 2023

Via Zoom

Call to Order: Chair Lara Zent called the Public Utility Law Section Council Meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. on Friday, December 8, 2023, via the Zoom video conferencing platform.

Present: Council members Lara Zent, AJ Smullen, Creighton McMurray, Davida Dwyer, Jamie Mauldin, Natalie Dubiel, Evan Johnson, Carsi Mitzner, Todd Kimbrough, John Carlton, and Taylor Kilroy were present. Ruben Arredondo was absent. Administrator Lexi Conaway was also present.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the previous month's meeting were presented and reviewed by the Council. Evan Johnson MOVED to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2023, Meeting. Seconded by Creighton McMurray. MOTION CARRIED.

Report from the Chair: Lara Zent reported on the following issues: she requested a quote from Pixelforge to videorecord and take photos at the August 23, 2024 Seminar; the State Bar sent her "Message from the Chair" to the Section which included a preview of upcoming events and how to access the video recordings from the 2023 Seminar; Jake Stoffle approved the date of May 17, 2024, for a live lunch and learn training at the State Bar offices which will also include a Council meeting; and the State Bar held a webinar on the consequences of the Boudreaux v. Louisiana State Bar Association case on Section activities and correspondence. She asked AJ Smullen to provide an overview of the Opinion.

Report from the Treasurer: Creighton McMurray presented an overview of the Council's financial activities for the month of September, noting that he still had not received the final bill for the September Seminar.

Report on Bylaw Amendments: Vice-Chair AJ Smullen provided an update on the status of the State Bar approving the most recently adopted PULS bylaw amendments, stating that these amendments are scheduled to be presented at the upcoming State Bar Board Meeting in January.

Committee Reports: Communications Committee Chair AJ Smullen summarized discussions from the recent committee meeting, including topics for the January newsletter and website updates.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, Lara Zent adjourned the meeting at 12:31 p.m.