**PUBLIC UTILITY LAW SECTION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Friday, January 17, 2025**

**Via Zoom**

**Call to Order:** Chair AJ Smullen called the Public Utility Law Section Council Meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. on Friday, January 17, 2025, via Zoom.

**Present:** Council members present were AJ Smullen, Creighton McMurray, Taylor Kilroy, John Carlton, Ruben Arredondo, Natalie Dubiel, Jessie Lance Horn, Jamie Mauldin, Jessica Soos and Lexi Conaway, the Section Administrator was also present. Council members absent were Todd Kimbrough, Lara Zent, and Carsi Mitzner, Evan Johnson, and John Carlton.

**Approval of Minutes**: Jamie Mauldin MOVED to approve the minutes from the December meeting. No one opposed. MOTION CARRIED.

**Report from the Chair:** AJ Smullen reported on the opening of the Administrator position for the Council and gave an update on filling the position. The Council approved moving forward with a candidate for the position. AJ Smullen also reported on Evan Johnson’s change in employment. The Council noted that Evan Johnson was now employed at the same firm as Creighton McMurray. The Council noted that the Section bylaws require that no person shall be eligible for election as a member of the Council or as an officer if that person is at the time of the election a partner, associate or employee of another voting member of the Council, an Officer of the Section, or such member’s or Officer’s law firm. The Council agreed that Evan Johnson may serve the existing term ending in 2025, but either Creighton McMurray or Evan Johnson would not be eligible for reelection to the Council at the 2025 annual meeting.

**Communication Committee:** There was a discussion of the Communications Committee meeting the following week.

**Event Committee:** The March meeting was discussed to be in person at Lin Asian Bar. There was discussion of future Webinars and topics. The Chair of the committee reported on scheduling an in-person Lunch and Learn. Networking Happy Hour locations were also discussed.

**Nominations Committee**: The Nominations Committee gave an update regarding the Council’s open positions. There was discussion of the timeline on the call for nominations.

**Law School Committee:** The Law School Committee gave an update on contacting the PUC and the law schools they reached out to.

**Annual Meeting and Conference:** The Council gave an update regarding the speakers and topics for the 2025 Conference.

**Adjournment**: There being no further business to discuss, AJ Smullen adjourned the meeting at 12:46 p.m.