



**Business Professionals of America Minutes  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
February 23, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, Debbie Darnell, called the meeting of the Business Professionals of America (BPA) Board of Trustees (BOT) to order at 8:33 p.m. EST.

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Debbie Darnell, Chair; Amy Riddle, Vice Chair; Evan Wolff, Treasurer; Shauna Williams, Secretary; Angie Benson; Athena Frank; Jason Hendrickson; Trent Hughes; Ryan Nkongnyu, Secondary National President; Sophia Pearson, Post-secondary National President; LouAnn Ross, Executive Director; Natasha Smith; Dianne Carroll.

Guests: Michele Gordon, Heather Bunning, Amber McNew, Jonathan Smith, Ric Cowles, Patrick Schultz and John Lucas Guimares.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Athena moved to approve the January 26<sup>th</sup> minutes. Angie seconded the motion. Motion adopted. Athena moved to approve the February 8<sup>th</sup> minutes. Trent seconded the motion. Motion adopted.

**POST-SECONDARY DIVISION UPDATE – See attached report**

Sophia Pearson, Post-secondary President, presented the report.

**SECONDARY DIVISION UPDATE – See attached report**

Ryan Nkongnyu, Secondary National President, presented the report.

**DATE CHANGES FOR NLC PAYMENT DEADLINES**

Dr. Ross presented virtual NLC payment deadline dates.

Athena moved to suspend the standing rules relating to the dates set for NLC in P&P by striking out May 5-9 and inserting April 26-May 9 and all associated deadlines for registration, payment, and refund dates as presented for the virtual NLC 2021 only. Angie seconded the motion. Motion adopted unanimously.

**DIVISION BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

Athena moved to refer the proposed amendments to a special committee selected by the chair. Angie seconded the motion. Motion adopted.

The committee will make recommendations at the April meeting. Debbie appointed committee members Trent Hughes, Athena Frank, Natasha Smith, Dianne Carroll and Jason Hendrickson as Chair.

**PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT – See attached report**

Dianne Carroll, Committee Chair, presented the following recommendations:

Dianne moved that the Advisor of the Year and Emerging Advisor of the Year language posted on the BPA Cares Program Handbook match the website to specify “nominations must be submitted by a current active member.” Athena seconded the motion. Motion adopted.

**STRATEGIC & LONG RANGE PLANS COMMITTEE REPORT – See attached report**

Amy Riddle, Committee Chair, presented the report.

Amy moved to approve the SLRP dashboard as presented. Angie seconded the motion. Motion adopted.

**BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Amy moved to approve the appointment of Garrett Bock as the Business Representative on the Board of Trustees to fulfill the remaining term of Cedric Bandoh. Evan seconded the motion. Motion adopted.

**ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING**

The 2021 NLC Annual Corporate Meeting agenda will be limited to only essential items such as: New Board member elections (including Board election procedures and the Nominating Committee report), Approval of the 2020 Corporate meeting minutes, Treasurer’s Report, and National Center Report. Other action items will not be included on the agenda.

**NATIONAL CENTER UPDATE – See attached report**

**TREASURER’S REPORT – See attached report**

Evan Wolff, Board Treasurer, presented the Treasurer’s Report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board moved into Executive Session at 9:55 p.m. EST, and moved out of Executive Session at 11:18 p.m. EST.

The board approved Option B of the budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 p.m. EST.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2021 @ 8:30 p.m. EST.

Shauna Williams, Secretary  
Minutes approved March 30, 2021