

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Florida
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
Minutes of Meeting Held on August 23, 2024 (via Zoom)**

Members Present

Hon. Erik P. Kimball, Chief Judge (co-chair)
Bernice Lee (co-chair)
Amy Carrington
Maite Diaz
Monique Hayes
James Moon
Dana Quick
Carlos Sardi

Members Not Present

Michael Bakst
Hon. Laurel M. Isicoff
Linda Leali
Raychelle Tasher

Additional Attendees

Cameron Cradic, Chief Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lee called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

A quorum was present with 8 members in attendance.

3. Minutes from April 19, 2024 Meeting

The minutes from the prior meeting were circulated before the meeting. Comments were solicited and none were received. Motion to adopt minutes moved (Moon) and seconded (Quick). The motion passed unanimously by show of hands.

4. Continuing Business

a. Courthouse Beacon News

Mr. Cradic wrote an article for the Courthouse Beacon News describing accessibility resources available at the courthouses. The Committee discussed the available accessibility features as well as other ways to bring this information to attorneys and the general public.

b. Update regarding Women's Educational Program

Ms. Lee reported that 330 individuals registered for the event and nearly 200 attended. The virtual event drew participants from out of state. The Committee discussed feedback and insights from the event generally and how to use this data to improve future events. The general consensus was that this kind of event and this topic were interesting and relevant to a wide audience, in part

because these issues are not typically discussed in depth or as openly. The Committee discussed possible follow up and future event topics.

c. Language and Accessibility Sub-Committee

The Committee discussed the possibility of adding additional information on accessibility to forms used by the Court, including Notices of Hearing.

5. New Business

Law Student / Clerkship Outreach Event

The Committee discussed the success of the event and the positive impact former law clerks had on the student participants. The Committee discussed possible future follow up events.

6. Next Meeting

October 11, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

7. Adjourn

The meeting concluded at 1:00 p.m.

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