

Minutes

Web and Audio Conference of the Executive Committee Uniform Law Commission

April 19, 2022
Chicago, IL

Timothy Berg, Chair of the Executive Committee, called the meeting to order on April 19, 2022, at 2:01 p.m. Chicago Time.

The following members of the Committee were present: Daniel Robbins, President; Diane Boyer-Vine, Vice President; Tom Buiteweg, Treasurer; Lisa Jacobs, Committee on Scope and Program Chair; Ryan Leonard, Secretary; Carl H. Lisman, Immediate Past President; Steve Wilborn, Legislative Committee Chair; Elena Duarte; Lani Ewart; and Melissa Hortman.

Also present: Tim Schnabel, Executive Director; Elizabeth Cotton-Murphy, Chief Administrative Officer; Ben Orzeske, Chief Counsel; and Kaitlin Wolff, Legislative Program Director.

1. Approval of March 15, 2022 Minutes

A motion was made and approved accepting the webinar minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held March 15, 2022.

2. Update of the ULCC Advisory Member

A motion was made and approved granting advisory member status under Section 2.9 of the Constitution to Laura Pitcairn, President, Uniform Law Conference of Canada.

3. Waiver of Line-by-Line Reading for First-Read Acts at 2022 Annual Meeting

Executive Director, Tim Schnabel, summarized the written report submitted for the Committee's consideration. At the 2019 annual meeting in Anchorage, an experiment was conducted in which one act was read section by section rather than line by line. Post-meeting analysis indicated that the section-by-section approach saved floor time and in general, respondents were slightly more satisfied with the discussion that occurred during the section-by-section reading rather than the traditional line-by-line readings.

The annual meeting this summer will have a full agenda, with five acts being finalized and nine acts being read for the first time. The chairs of the nine first-read acts all indicated that, to conserve floor time, they would be comfortable with waiving the line-by-line reading requirement for their acts, with two caveats: the chair of the Mortgage Modifications drafting committee agreed to the waiver for all sections other than section 4, and the chair of the Unincorporated Organizations Acts drafting committee agreed to waive all portions not being

substantively amended. The waiver of these acts' line-by-line reading is envisioned as a further experiment to save time this summer and not as a permanent change in policy.

A motion was made and approved granting a waiver of the line-by-line reading requirement for the following acts pursuant to ULC Bylaw 44A.4:

1. Debt Collection Default Judgments: waive for all sections
2. Determination of Death: waive for all sections
3. Health-Care Decisions: waive for all sections
4. Mortgage Modifications: waive for all sections other than section 4
5. Public Health Emergency Authorities: waive for all sections
6. Restrictive Covenants in Deeds: waive for all sections
7. Special Deposits: waive for all sections
8. Tenancy-in-Common Ownership Default Rules: waive for all sections
9. Unincorporated Organization Acts: waive for all portions not being substantively amended

4. Waiver of Two Readings for Electronic Estate Planning Documents

A motion was made and approved granting the request for a waiver of the two-reading rule to the Electronic Estate Planning Document Act under Section 8.1 of the ULC constitution.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m. Central Time.