

Minutes
Executive Committee Video Conference
Uniform Law Commission
Thursday, February 7, 2019
Chicago

Steve Wilborn, Vice President, called the meeting to order on February 7, 2019, at 9:05 a.m. Central Time.

The following members of the Committee were present by video conference or telephone: Commissioners: Diane F. Boyer-Vine; Thomas J. Buiteweg, Treasurer; Commissioners Richard T. Cassidy, Immediate Past President; Gail Hagerty; Barry Hawkins; Ryan Leonard, Legislative Committee Chair; Anita Ramasastry, President; Daniel Robbins, Committee on Scope and Program Chair and Nora Winkelman, Secretary. Carl Lisman, Chair of the Executive Committee, was not able to attend.

Also present by video conference: Steve Willborn, Interim Executive Director; Elizabeth Cotton-Murphy, Chief Administrative Officer; Katie Robinson, Legislative Program Director; and Ben Orzeske, Chief Counsel.

1. Budget Adjustments

A. Legislative Communications Assistant

A motion was made and approved that the ULC hire a Legislative Communications Assistant.

B. Cyber Insurance Coverage

Chief Administrative Officer Cotton-Murphy summarized the written insurance proposal submitted for the Committee's consideration. Cincinnati Insurance Company is highly rated and offers broad policy forms and excellent service. The pricing for the proposed policy is commensurate with or better than other carriers that offer this line of coverage. The ULC does not currently carry cyber insurance.

A motion was made and approved authorizing the purchase of a one-year term for Cyber Insurance through Cincinnati Insurance Company.

2. Position – Scope Research Support

Interim Executive Director Willborn reported on plans to host a strategic planning session with staff on Friday, February 15, 2019. Topics for discussion include the possible hire of a part-time academic tasked with conducting academic research and providing advice about potential new drafting and study projects.

3. Informational Reports

A. Styled Policies

Mr. Willborn summarized the style changes made to the approved Employee Harassment, Commissioner Harassment and Diversity and Inclusion Policies submitted for the Committee's information.

A staff training session is planned for February 27, 2019. President Ramasastry asked the Harassment Policy Working Group to consider how to best notify commissioners about the new policies. The Working Group will return to the committee with recommendations.

B. Legislative Update

Commissioner Leonard, Legislative Committee Chair, reported that 85 bills have been introduced, and 9 enacted this calendar year. This is slightly below average for this time of year.

The Legislative Council will meet in Chicago, April 12, 2019, and will discuss the issues and recommendations made during the Executive Committee's Midyear Meeting in Tucson.

Chief Counsel Orzeske reported on targeted staff outreach in several states. Legislative staff have been in contact with commissioners from Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Wyoming about legislative initiatives in those states. Staff has engaged with sections of the New York Bar Association to encourage enactment activity in that state, and an upcoming enactment program is scheduled in Maine.

C. Executive Director Search

This topic was discussed during an executive session.

4. 2019 Annual Meeting Registration

Ms. Cotton-Murphy reported that online registration for the 2019 annual meeting will open via email blast next Tuesday, February 12, 2019.

The Committee went into executive session at 9:25 a.m. and returned from the executive session at 9:46 a.m.

Adjourned at 9:47 a.m.