

Minutes

Web and Audio Conference of the Executive Committee Uniform Law Commission

November 16, 2021
Chicago, IL

Timothy Berg, Chair of the Executive Committee, called the meeting to order on November 16, 2021, at 2:03 p.m. Chicago Time.

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

Also present: Tim Schnabel, Executive Director; Elizabeth Cotton-Murphy, Chief Administrative Officer; Ben Orzeske, Chief Counsel; Katie Robinson, Senior Director for Strategy and Communications; Kaitlin Wolff, Legislative Program Director; and Greg Young, Chief Information Officer.

1. Approval of Minutes, August 17, 2021, and Ballot Minutes of October 12, 2021

A motion was made and approved accepting the webinar minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held August 17, 2021, and the Ballot Minutes of October 12, 2021.

2. Life Membership Request

A motion was made and approved nominating Diane Boyer-Vine (CA) and Elizabeth Kent (HA) for election to life members of the Conference.

3. Approval of Updated Check Signing Resolution

A motion was made and adopted approving the signatories' resolution.

4. Update on Scanning Project Grant Request

Chief Administrative Officer, Elizabeth Cotton-Murphy, reported that the ULF Trustees approved the grant request to cover the cost of scanning the hard copy drafting committee archives in the ULC offices. Datamation Imaging Services will provide scanning services.

5. Recommendations from Scope & Program

Commissioner Jacobs presented the report of the Committee on Scope and Program ("Scope").

A. Recommendations Concerning Establishment of New Study Committees

1. Scope approved the following resolution for consideration, recommending that a study committee on child participation in family court proceedings be formed.

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Scope and Program recommends to the Executive Committee that a Study Committee on Child Participation in Family Court Proceedings be formed to study the need for and feasibility of a uniform or model act on the procedures through which a child can participate or not participate in family court proceedings when the child's wishes are legally relevant.

The Executive Committee approved this resolution by a vote of 9 - 0.

2. Scope approved the following resolution for consideration, recommending that a study committee on antitrust be formed.

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Scope and Program recommends to the Executive Committee that a Study Committee on Antitrust be formed to study the need for and feasibility of a uniform or model act on competition law issues, focused on monopolization and a potential update of the Uniform State Antitrust Act.

President Robbins recused himself and was excused for the committee's deliberations and vote on the resolution. The Executive Committee approved this resolution by a unanimous vote, 8 – 0.

B. Recommendations Concerning Establishment of a New Drafting Committee on Electronic Estate Plan Documents

Scope approved the following resolution for consideration, recommending that a drafting committee on electronic estate plan documents be formed.

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Scope and Program recommends to the Executive Committee that a Drafting Committee on Electronic Estate Planning Documents be formed to draft amendments to the Uniform Electronic Wills Act, the Uniform Trust Code, and the Uniform Power of Attorney Act to address remote execution of paper documents and the use of electronic estate planning documents other than wills. The committee will also consider whether to develop a stand-alone act for use in states that have not enacted the relevant uniform acts.

The Executive Committee approved this resolution by a unanimous vote, 9 – 0.

6. Report on Website Enhancements

Chief Information Officer, Greg Young, reported on recent website improvements. The membership database has been upgraded to improve registration and donation processing. Other areas of improvement include more efficient navigation, removal of redundant webpages, a reduction in load time, act library reorganization, and enhanced enactment map layout and presentation. Mr. Young encouraged committee members to continue to share their ideas on ways to improve the ULC website.

7. New Business

President Robbins announced that the December 21 Executive Committee webinar would be cancelled. The committee will meet in person on January 15, 2022, in New Orleans.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m. Central Time.