

Washington Uniform Law Commission (WULC)
Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2020

This meeting was coordinated by the Code Reviser's Office, 415 15th Ave. SW, Olympia, WA, 98504, as a telephone conference.

1. Call to Order 4:00 PM/Attendance

Chair Michele Radosevich (MR) called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM.

Commissioners present by phone: Chair Michele Radosevich, Marlin Appelwick (MA), Kathy Buchli (KB), Dennis Cooper (DC), Jamie Pedersen (JP), and Anita Ramasastry (AR).

Jessica Braatz (JB) from the Code Reviser's Office (CRO) attended the meeting by phone, as well as ULC representatives Bob Toyofuku (BT) and Lindsay Beaver (LB).

2. Approval of Minutes of February 12, 2020 Meeting

JP made a motion, seconded by DC, to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2020, meeting. All in attendance voted to approve and the minutes were adopted.

3. Annual Dues

The commission reviewed the annual National Uniform Law Commission (NULC) dues for fiscal year 2021. They are \$63,600 and are being paid by the CRO this month.

4. Legislative Report

JP gave an overview of activity during the 2020 legislative session. There were five introductions and three enactments:

- SSB 6029 (Uniform Directed Trust Act) was signed into law by the Governor
- SSB 6028 (Uniform Electronic Transactions Act) was signed into law by the Governor
- SB 6286 (Amendment to Uniform Athlete Agents Act) was signed into law by the Governor
- SHB 1179 (Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act) died in the House Appropriations Committee over concerns about retirement accounts. The commissioners will work with nonpartisan staff and ULC staff and try again next year.
- HB 2470 (Highly Automated Vehicles) died after a public hearing in the House Transportation Committee. The commissioners will discuss whether to reintroduce the bill in a future session.

5. Commissioner Activities

Commissioners discussed current activities.

JP has been in discussion with the executive committee regarding changes in the NULC annual conference scheduling. New York will be pushed out; the 2021 annual meeting will be in Madison, but on different dates; and there may be an in-person meeting in the fall for first readings of acts. The NULC is looking into the constitutionality of meeting and voting remotely.

DC has been in touch with Carl Lisman and Howard Swibel on how to incorporate parliamentarians into electronic meetings. DC is head of the committee on parliamentary practice. Additional procedures may

be established for conducting electronic meetings. He suggested referencing pages 159-178 in the ULC reference manual, to read up on the constitution, by-laws, and procedures.

KB is on the Committee to Monitor Healthcare Law and has submitted her interest in monitoring one of the study committees that have been suggested by the Committee. She is waiting for an assignment.

Chair MR is on two study committees. One on telehealth and on issues relating to the coronavirus.

AR is chairing a new study committee on supply chain transparency laws and the prevention of forced labor and human trafficking.

6. ULC Staff Presentation; Draft 2021 Legislative Plan

BT provided information from a legislative council meeting he attended. The annual conference in Madison is not happening in person this July but some meetings will be conducted via Zoom. There may be an in-person meeting in October or November, possibly in Chicago for the first reading of acts. Currently, surveys are being conducted to see how many people could join.

LB asked that we keep her updated with plans for introductions and to let ULC staff know how they can help. She identified two acts to keep on our radar: Electronic Wills and the Public Expression Protection Act. A discussion was held on whether the Public Protection Act is written to avoid constitutional challenges in Washington; further information is needed.

BT sent a list of acts to liaisons that should be looked at because of COVID. Washington has passed some of them already.

LB informed the commission that the state plan template will be sent in the next couple of weeks.

7. Budget

KB updated the commission on its budget. There are currently no issues. The CRO is looking at ways of reducing the fiscal year 2021 budget. JP mentioned that the NULC executive committee is looking at eliminating registration fees to attend the annual meeting.

8. Annual Meeting Plans

The NULC annual conference that was scheduled for July 10-16 in Madison, WI, has been rescheduled for 2021. Chair MR discussed hosting a meeting to participate in one or more of the NULC's electronic meetings in July. This would be in a conference room where social distancing could be practiced.

9. New Business

There was no new business to report.

10. Adjournment

Chair MR reminded the commission of the next WULC meeting on November 12, 2020, at 4:00 PM. This may be conducted as a phone meeting. Chair MR adjourned the meeting at 4:59 PM.