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BET LAW COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 - 4:00 P.M.

WEBINAR

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AGENDA

1. Continuation of Law Department Budget Review (current versus past budgets, including outside counsel expenditures – projected and past); vote on FY22 Law Department Budget as recommended by the Law Committee

2. Continuation of Review of Proposed Budget Resolutions for FY22 – review and revise, as necessary; vote on final FY22 Budget Resolutions as recommended by the Law Committee

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Resolutions for consideration by the Committee prior to the BET Budget Committee’s Decision Day on March 4, 2021.

3. Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Ms. Krumeich, seconded by Ms. Fassuliotis, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth K. Krumeich
Recording Secretary

Karen Fassuliotis
Chair, Law Committee
The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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