

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
(PUBLIC SESSION)
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
MAY 6, 2011

The Chair, Honorable Anne C. Dranginis, (Ret.) called the public portion of the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. (EDT). Present were members Susan Boyan, Jorene Couture, Earl F. Dewey II, Eric M. Gross, Karen L. Karpie, Honorable John M. Langenbach, Honorable Ian C. McLachlan, Gail E. Taggart, Honorable Aaron Ment, Irving H. Perlmutter, Denise Martino Phelan, Frederic S. Ury, Matthew Wax-Krell and Michael J. Whelton. Present by invitation were Howard E. Emond, Jr., Deputy Director, Attorney Services; Kathleen B. Wood, Administrative Director, Jessica F. Kallipolites, Assistant Administrative Director, and Joseph J. DelCiampo, Counsel, Legal Services. Also present by invitation was John Neumon, a member of the public and a recent applicant for admission to the bar of the State of Connecticut. Mr. Neumon was present to express his gratitude and appreciation to the administrative staff of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee for the excellent and professional way in which the administrative staff had performed its duties during the last administration of the Connecticut Bar Examination in February 2011. After the expression of these good wishes and sentiments, Mr. Neumon left the meeting.

The Chair then announced the results of the February 2011 bar examination. Two hundred eight-four (284) applicants sat for the examination, which was a substantial decrease from the usual number of applicants. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Perlmutter, it was voted unanimously to deem those 195 applicants who had obtained a passing score of 264 as having passed the February 2011 Connecticut bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Judge Langenbach, it was voted unanimously (Justice McLachlan abstaining) to deem those 89 applicants who had failed to obtain a passing score of 264 as having failed to pass the February 2011 Connecticut bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. McTaggart, it was voted unanimously that those 103 applicants who had obtained a passing score on the February 2011 Connecticut bar examination and who had complied with the rules and regulations governing admission to the bar of the State of Connecticut be recommended to the judges of the Superior Court for admission to the bar. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Perlmutter, it was voted unanimously (Justice McLachlan abstaining) that those 87 applicants who had obtained a passing grade of 264 on the February 2011 Connecticut bar examination, but whose applications were incomplete or contained other technical defects, be recommended to the judges of the Superior Court for admission to the bar of the State of Connecticut upon remedying the defects, unless further examination was required pursuant to Article VI of the regulations of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Ury, it was voted unanimously that the 5 applicants who had obtained a passing grade on the February 2011 Connecticut bar examination, but whose applications disclosed issues concerning good character or fitness, be reviewed further pursuant to Article VI of the regulations of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee.

The Chair reported on her attendance at the meeting of the National Conference of Bar Examiners in San Francisco, together with Justice McLachlan and Messrs. Whelton and Emond. Justice McLachlan spoke about his impressions at the special issues of “break out sessions,” and there was discussed by the Chair of her impressions of the admissions based on reciprocity, character and fitness and mental health questions on applications. The next scheduled meeting will be held in Savannah, Georgia.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Perlmutter, seconded by Justice MacLachlan, it was voted unanimously to accept and record, without amendment or correction, the minutes of the public session of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 28, 2011. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Perlmutter, seconded by Justice MacLachlan, it was voted unanimously to accept and record, without amendment or correction, the minutes of the non-public session of the minutes of the meeting of January 28, 2011.

The report of the treasurer was delivered by Ms. Phelan. Upon motions duly made by Ms. Phelan, seconded by the Chair, the Treasurer’s reports for the Second Quarter (FY 2010-2011) and for the Third Quarter (FY 2010-2011) were unanimously approved. The proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 was presented by the Treasurer, Ms. Phelan. There was discussion concerning the projected deficit of \$82,665.00 based upon the reduction in the number of applicants and the reduction of income from the investment accounts. Upon motion duly made by Ms. Phelan, seconded by the Chair, it was voted unanimously to adopt the projected budget for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 as presented by the Treasurer.

Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Judge Ment, it was voted unanimously to utilize the Multistate Performance Test beginning with the February 2014 bar examination. Upon motion duly made by Judge Ment, seconded by Mr. Whelton, it was voted unanimously to cease offering the reapplication to bar applicants. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Perlmutter, seconded by Justice McLachlan, it was voted unanimously to have the Administrative Office perform Multistate Bar Examination transfers instead of permitting the National Conference of Bar Examiners to do so.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Gross, seconded by Mr. Ury, it was voted unanimously to repeal Article III-7 of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee Regulations, thereby ceasing to offer the reapplication to bar applicants. Upon motion duly made by Ms. McTaggart, seconded by Judge Ment, it was voted (12-3) to amend Article V-4 of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee Regulations by deleting state constitutional law and adding family law as testable essay topics and adding the Multistate Performance Test beginning with the February 2014 bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Phelan, it was voted unanimously to amend Article V-5 of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee Regulations to reflect the new grading process that will be implemented with the February 2014 bar examination. As part of this vote, the words “MEE/Connecticut” were deleted from the proposed amendment. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Perlmutter, it was unanimously voted to amend Article V-7 of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee Regulations to include

a provision for transfers of Multistate Bar Examination scores by the Administrative Office. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Perlmutter, it was unanimously voted to amend Article X of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee Regulations by deleting the reapplication fee, setting forth the new fee to transfer Multistate Bar Examination scores, and to clarify proper forms of payment accepted by the Administrative Office.

Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Ury, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the public portion of the meeting at 11:20 a.m. (EDT) and to reconvene in the non-public portion of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

IRVING H. PERLMUTTER
Secretary