

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
JANUARY 27, 2017

The Chair, Hon. Anne C. Dranginis (Ret.), called the public portion of the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. (EST). Present were Richard F. Banbury, Raymond L. Baribeault, Jr., Kevin C. Connors, Edward J. Gavin, Eric M. Gross, Gail E. McTaggart, David A. Moraghan, Denise Martino Phelan, Robert D. Silva, Hon. Elliot Solomon, Fred Ury, and Matthew Wax-Krell. Present by invitation were: Kathleen B. Harrington, Deputy Director, Attorney Services; Jessica F. Kallipolites, Administrative Director; and Lisa Valko, Assistant Administrative Director.

The Chair provided information regarding the recent NCBE UBE Committee meeting that she attended. The Chair announced that Maine had adopted the UBE. Among the topics discussed at this meeting were raising a jurisdiction's cut score when adopting the UBE and cut scores in other jurisdictions.

Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Gross, it was voted unanimously to accept and record, without amendment or correction, the minutes of the public session of the Meeting of September 30, 2016.

At 10:04 a.m., members Hon. C. Ian McLachlan (Ret.) and Michael J. Whelton arrived.

Discussion was had regarding a comparison of the Committee's income and expenses from the first and second quarters of the current fiscal year to the first and second quarters of the previous fiscal year. It was noted that the number of bar examination applications filed had decreased.

The Chair and Mr. Gross reported for the Nominations Subcommittee regarding the vacant position of Secretary. The subcommittee nominated Matthew Wax-Krell to fill the position for the remainder of the current term to January 2018. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Banbury, it was voted unanimously to elect Mr. Wax-Krell to the position of Secretary.

At 10:07 a.m., member Hon. Nina Elgo arrived.

The Administrative Director provided an update regarding the February 2017 bar examination.

At 10:09 a.m., member Karen L. Karpie arrived.

The Administrative Director provided an update regarding the background checks required of all bar examination, motion, and UBE score transfer applicants. The Administrative Director specifically addressed the procedure by which the background checks are requested, the number of fingerprint rejections received, and the length of time between fingerprint submissions and the receipt of a response from the State

Police. Discussion was had regarding the procedure, the delay in receiving information from the State Police, the impact on applicants, the burdens placed on the Administrative Office related to the procedure, fingerprint rejections and delays, and potential alternatives that could be implemented should these background checks no longer be required in the future. It was determined that the alternatives discussed should be further investigated by the Administrative Office and the discussion tabled until a Special Meeting can be held in February 2017.

The Assistant Administrative Director presented proposed changes to the bar examination application and forms related to foreign educated applicants and the addition of a form affidavit. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Phelan, it was voted unanimously to approve the proposed modifications to forms 1E, 4, 5, and 6, with modifications noted by Mr. Wax-Krell, related to foreign educated applicants and the form affidavit.

The Assistant Administrative Director provided an update regarding law school admission numbers for the local law schools. The Committee instructed staff to determine if more specific information concerning part-time and full-time students is available and to report back.

Discussion was had regarding a petition filed by Concord Law School under Article II (B) of the CBEC Regulations, online law schools, law school debt, providing opportunities to nontraditional students, serving low income citizens who need legal services but do not otherwise qualify for current programs, experiential learning, and the importance of interpersonal relationships during law school and in the practice of law. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Judge Solomon, it was voted unanimously to table the matter and refer the petition to the School Certification Subcommittee so that a recommendation could be made to the full Committee at a future meeting.

Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Phelan, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the public portion of the meeting at 10:52 a.m. (EST) and to reconvene in the non-public portion of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

MATTHEW WAX-KRELL
Secretary