

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING – Conducted Via Conference Call  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT  
APRIL 24, 2020

The Chair, Hon. Anne C. Dranginis, called the public portion of the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. (EDT). Present were Raymond L. Baribeault, Jr., Kevin C. Connors, Erick I. Diaz, Hon. Nina Elgo, Edward J. Gavin, Eric M. Gross, Karen L. Karpie, Gail E. McTaggart, David A. Moraghan, Sharon A. Peters, Denise Martino Phelan, Timothy P. Pothin, Amir Shaikh, Alix Simonetti, Frederic S. Ury, Matthew Wax-Krell, and Perry Zinn Rowthorn. Present by invitation were: Kathleen B. Harrington, Deputy Director, Attorney Services; Jessica F. Kallipolites, Administrative Director; Lisa Valko, Program Manager; Joseph Del Ciampo, Director, Legal Services; James O'Connor, Attorney, Legal Services; and Brad Saxton, Interim Dean and Professor of Law, Quinnipiac University School of Law.

The Chair announced the results of the February 2020 bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to deem those 46 applicants who had obtained a passing score of 266 as having passed the February 2020 Connecticut bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to deem those 91 applicants who had failed to obtain a passing score of 266 as having failed to pass the February 2020 Connecticut bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously that those applicants who had obtained a passing score on the February 2020 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, unless further evidence warrants review pursuant to Article VI of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee Regulations. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously that the 1 applicant who had obtained a passing score on the February 2020 Connecticut bar examination, but whose application disclosed issues concerning good character or fitness, be reviewed further pursuant to Article VI of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee Regulations.

At 10:08 a.m., member Abby M. Warren, arrived.

Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to accept and record the minutes of the public session of the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2020.

The Chair addressed the proposed temporary and emergency expansion of the legal intern rules in response to the ongoing public health emergency arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on those graduating law school and taking the bar examination in CT.

Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Wax-Krell, it was voted unanimously to submit the proposed temporary and emergency expansion of the legal intern rules to the Rules Committee of the Superior Court for consideration.

The Administrative Director provided a report on the current status of the July 2020 bar examination. The examination is postponed to September 30 & October 1, 2020. The administrative office ceased accepting applications after March 31, 2020 and an additional filing period will be announced once it has been determined.

The Program Manager provided an update regarding changes made to the UBE application consistent with amendments to the CBEC Regulations approved at the January 24, 2020 meeting.

The Deputy Director presented suggested changes to the character and fitness review process. The substance of the review process would not change, but rather the timing of the process would be shifted to allow staff the ability to work with applicants to address specific character and fitness concerns before results are released. Applicants that clear character and fitness review would be issued “clearance” letters and reminded of the duty to amend or update any responses in a timely fashion. The Committee unanimously endorsed this change to the character and fitness review process and directed staff to implement the changes.

Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the public portion of the meeting at 11:19 a.m. (EDT) and to reconvene in the non-public portion of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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KAREN KARPIE  
Secretary