

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
(PUBLIC SESSION)
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
JANUARY 28, 2011

The Vice-Chair, Michael J. Whelton of East Hartford, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. (EDT), and the Chair, Honorable Anne C. Dranginis (Ret.), thereafter took over the meeting upon joining. Present were Kevin C. Connors, Jorene Couture, Eric M. Gross, Karen L. Karpie, Honorable John J. Langenbach, Honorable C. Ian McLachlan, Gail E. McTaggart and Honorable Aaron Ment. Present by invitation were Howard E. Emond, Deputy Director – Attorney Services, Kathleen B. Wood, Administrative Director, and Jessica F. Kallipolites, Assistant Administrative Director.

Upon motion duly made by Judge Langenbach, seconded by Judge Ment, it was voted unanimously to accept and record the public and non-public portions of the minutes of the meeting of December 10, 2010.

Upon motion duly made by Judge Langenbach, seconded by Mr. Connors, it was voted unanimously to accept and approve the financial report for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

The Examinations Committee, through Judge Ment, delivered its recommendation that the use of the Multistate Performance Test (MPT) on future bar exams be implemented with the caveat that future revenue and/or expenditures may factor into when and how this can be done. Discussion was had regarding the financial feasibility of implementing the MPT given the decrease in applicants, among other factors. Upon motion duly made by Judge Ment, seconded by Mr. Whelton, it was voted unanimously to table this matter until the May 6, 2011 meeting when detailed financial information can be provided to the Committee for review (including projected costs and impact on the current financial surplus).

Ms. Wood delivered reports as to the upcoming February 2011 bar examination, the laptop program that will be launched in February 2011, Proposed Bill No. 6080 providing for technical assistance for laptop takers on the CT bar examination, and the status of the Committee's proposed amendments to the motion rule pending before the Rules Committee. The Committee directed Ms. Wood to draft a memo to the Chair detailing how the concerns embodied in Proposed Bill No. 6080 have been met and/or considered by the Committee. Upon motion duly made by Ms. McTaggart, seconded by Mr. Connors, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the public portion of the meeting at 10:30 a.m. (EDT) and to reconvene in the non-public portion of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

IRVING H. PERLMUTTER
Secretary