

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
(PUBLIC SESSION)
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
JULY 8, 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 Kevin C. Connors, Jorene Couture, Earl F. Dewey II, Eric M. Gross, Karen L. Karpie, Gail E. McTaggart, David A. Moraghan, Sharon A. Peters, Alix Simonetti, Matthew Wax-Krell and Michael J. Whelton. Present by invitation were Kathleen B. Harrington, Administrative Director, Jessica F. Kallipolites, Assistant Administrative Director, and R. David Stamm.

The Chair reported on the passing of Attorney Vincent Diana, the longstanding Chair of the Hartford County Standing Committee on Recommendations for Admission to the Bar. He was appointed to the Standing Committee on July 1, 1995 and served continuously until his passing.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Gross, seconded by Mr. Dewey, it was voted unanimously to accept and record, without amendment or correction, the minutes of the public and nonpublic sessions of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2011.

The Administrative Director reported the results of the Comptroller's Review from May 2011. The Comptroller's Office determined that the Committee's fees are not state funds and that a restricted account cannot be opened for the fees.

The Committee was advised that the proposed Practice Book amendments to the motion rule were approved at the Judges' Meeting and will be effective on January 1, 2012, and that the inclusion of a definition of good moral character in the Practice Book was also approved with an effective date of September 1, 2011.

The Administrative Director provided the Committee with a summary of the previous RFP process conducted in relation to a Cut Score Study. The Committee instructed the Administrative Director to seek out information from other jurisdictions and the National Conference as to recommendations for vendors, industry standards for review of data, and whether a study needs to be done or if pass/fail rates can be relied upon. The Committee was also provided with data regarding the number of times an applicant is allowed to sit for the bar examination in Connecticut and other jurisdictions. No action was taken on this matter.

Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Peters, it was voted unanimously to amend Article IV-12 of the CBEC Regulations to clarify that character and fitness provisions apply to motion files. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Connors, it was voted unanimously to amend Article IV-13 of the CBEC Regulations for the same reason.

Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Wax-Krell, it was voted unanimously to adopt Article IX-2 of the CBEC Regulations to include a provision formalizing use of a supplemental affidavit when files remain open for extensive periods of time. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Connors, it was voted unanimously to adopt Article IX-3 of the CBEC Regulations for the same reason. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Whelton, it was voted unanimously to amend Article IX-3 of the CBEC Regulations by deleting the phrase “of the Committee’s request” and insert the word “thereafter”.

Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the public portion of the meeting at 10:55 a.m. (EDT) and to reconvene in the non-public portion of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

IRVING H. PERLMUTTER
Secretary