

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
SEPTEMBER 28, 2012

The Chair, Hon. Anne C. Dranginis (Ret.), called the public portion of the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. (EDT). Present were Richard F. Banbury, Raymond L. Baribeault, Jr., Kevin C. Connors, Hon. Nina Elgo, Edward J. Gavin, Eric M. Gross, Karen L. Karpie, Hon. C. Ian McLachlan, Gail E. McTaggart, David A. Moraghan, Irving H. Perlmutter, Sharon A. Peters, Denise Martino Phelan, Hon. Barbara M. Quinn, Matthew Wax-Krell, and Michael J. Whelton. Present by invitation were: Howard E. Emond, Jr., Deputy Director, Attorney Services; Kathleen B. Harrington, Administrative Director; Jessica F. Kallipolites, Assistant Administrative Director; Joseph J. Del Ciampo, Counsel, Legal Services; and two members of the public.

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, welcomed new member, Judge Elgo, to the Committee.

The Chair then announced the results of the July 2012 bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Wax-Krell, it was voted unanimously to deem those 409 applicants who had obtained a passing score of 264 as having passed the July 2012 Connecticut bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Connors, it was voted unanimously to deem those 121 applicants who had failed to obtain a passing score of 264 as having failed to pass the July 2012 Connecticut bar examination.¹ Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Phelan, it was voted unanimously that those 274 applicants who had obtained a passing score on the July 2012 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 that those 127 applicants who had obtained a passing grade of 264 on the July 2012 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. Perlmutter, it was voted unanimously that the 8 applicants who had obtained a passing grade on the July 2012 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.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Perlmutter, seconded by Ms. Phelan, it was voted unanimously to accept and record, without amendment or correction, the minutes of the public session of the Special Meeting of August 24, 2012. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Perlmutter, seconded by Ms. Phelan, it was voted unanimously to accept and record,

¹ This motion was off by 1, in that 122 applicants were unsuccessful – not 121. This error was detected by the Administrative Office after the meeting. All reported statistics have been updated accordingly.

without amendment or correction, the minutes of the non-public session of the Special Meeting of August 24, 2012.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Banbury, seconded by Justice McLachlan, it was voted unanimously to direct the Secretary to cast one unanimous ballot for the following persons to serve as officers of the Committee from November 1, 2012 to October 31, 2014 or until their successors are elected.

Chair: Hon. Anne C. Dranginis (retired)
Vice-Chair: Michael J. Whelton
Treasurer: Denise Martino Phelan
Secretary: Irving H. Perlmutter

Ms. Harrington reported on behalf of the Foreign Law Schools Subcommittee that the ABA will not be moving forward with plans to accredit foreign law schools. Accordingly, the recommendation was that a response to the ABA's inquiry is no longer necessary since the issue is moot.

The Committee discussed a submission Massachusetts School of Law (MSL) in relation to their continued approval under Article II-1 (B) of the CBEC Regulations. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Judge Quinn, it was voted unanimously to continue the approval of MSL with follow-up in three (3) years. Additionally, the Committee noted that UMASS – Dartmouth School of Law (formerly Southern New England School of Law) received provisional ABA-approval and did not seek continued approval under Article II-1 (B) of the CBEC Regulations.

The Committee discussed the ABA Model Rule on Practice Pending Admission, noting the potential problem if an individual is unsuccessful in gaining admission and the lack of need for such a rule in Connecticut. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Perlmutter, seconded by Mr. Whelton, it was voted unanimously not to adopt the model rule.

Finally, the Committee discussed the August 30, 2012 memo from the National Conference of Bar Examiners regarding changes to the Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) selection process that would take effective in February 2014. It was noted that the Committee's care in drafting the regulation that implemented use of the MEE was fortuitous since the word "may" gives the Committee discretion not to utilize the MEEs.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Perlmutter, seconded by the Chair, 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