

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
(PUBLIC SESSION)  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT  
OCTOBER 15, 2010

The Chair, Honorable Anne C. Dranginis (Ret.) of Litchfield, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. (EDT). Present were Richard F. Banbury, Susan Boyan, Kevin C. Connors, Jorene Couture, Karen L. Karpie, Honorable C. Ian McLachlan, Gail E. McTaggart, Irving H. Perlmutter, Sharon Peters, Denise Martino Phelan, Honorable Barbara M. Quinn, Alix Simonetti, Matthew Wax-Krell and Michael J. Whelton. Present by invitation were Kathleen B. Wood, Administrative Director, Jessica F. Kallipolites, Assistant Administrative Director, and Joseph J. DelCiampo, Counsel, Legal Services.

Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Judge Quinn, it was voted unanimously to deem those 385 applicants who had obtained a passing score of 264 as having passed the July 2010 Connecticut bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Perlmutter, it was voted unanimously to deem those 138 applicants who had failed to obtain a passing score of 264 as having failed to pass the July 2010 Connecticut bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously that those 313 applicants who had obtained a passing score on the July 2010 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 Justice McLachlan, it was voted unanimously that those 58 applicants who had obtained a passing grade of 264 on the July 2010 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 Justice McLachlan, it was voted unanimously that the 14 applicants who had obtained a passing grade on the July 2010 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.

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, welcomed new member, Ms. Couture, to the Committee. Upon motion duly made by Justice McLachlan, seconded by Mr. Perlmutter, it was voted unanimously to send a letter of appreciation for their years of faithful and excellent service as members of the Committee to retiring members Mary Driscoll and Mary Zackrison-Otocka.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Perlmutter, seconded by the Chair, it was voted unanimously to accept and record the public and non-public portions of the minutes of the special meeting of July 9, 2010. Abstaining were Ms. Couture, Ms. Peters, Ms.

Simonetti and Mr. Wax-Krell—none of the foregoing having been in attendance at the July 9, 2010 meeting.

The Treasurer delivered the financial report for the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2009-2010, as well as the annual report for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Upon motion duly made by Ms. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Whelton, it was voted unanimously to accept and approve the financial report for the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Upon motion duly made by Ms. Phelan, seconded by Judge Quinn, it was voted unanimously to accept and approve the annual report for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Upon motion duly made by Justice McLachlan, seconded by Ms. Peters, it was voted unanimously to nominate the existing officers to serve for a full two-year term or until their successors are elected.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Peters, seconded by Justice McLachlan, it was voted unanimously to close the nominations and to direct the Secretary to cast one unanimous ballot for the following persons to serve as officers of the Committee from November 1, 2010 to October 31, 2012 or until their successors were elected.

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

The Committee considered the report of the Mental Health Inquiry Subcommittee regarding potential amendments to various applications utilized by the Committee in response to the recent Practice Book amendment defining “fitness to practice law.” The Subcommittee’s report was presented by Mr. Whelton. Discussion was had regarding the order of the questions, additional amendments, and the character and fitness process in general. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to table this matter to give the Subcommittee an opportunity to reconsider the issues and its recommendations. Notice of a Special Meeting will be issued for consideration of the Subcommittee’s next report.

Ms. Wood delivered reports as the laptop program for the upcoming February 2011 bar examination, the sites for the bar exams for 2010, 2011 and 2012, and the status of the Committee’s proposed amendments to the motion rule pending before the Rules Committee. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Wax-Krell, it was voted unanimously to amend the bar and motion applications to require disclosure of employment information for the previous 10 years or since an applicant’s 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, whichever is shorter, and to require that reference forms be completed by employers for the previous 5 years. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Perlmutter, seconded by Mr. Wax-Krell, it was voted unanimously to amend the bar and motion applications to require certified driving records from bar and motion applicants from the following jurisdictions: where the applicant is currently licensed or holds a learner’s permit, where the applicant has resided for 60 days or more (whether temporary or permanent and

regardless of whether ever licensed there) during the past 5 years, and where the applicant's driving privileges have ever been suspended or revoked.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Perlmutter, seconded by the Chair, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the public portion of the meeting at 11:30 a.m. (EDT) and to reconvene in the non-public portion of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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IRVING H. PERLMUTTER  
Secretary