

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING – Conducted via ZOOM
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
JANUARY 22, 2021

The Chair, Hon. Anne C. Dranginis (Ret.), called the public portion of the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. (EST). Present were Raymond L. Baribeault, Jr., Hon. Nina Elgo, Edward J. Gavin, Eric M. Gross, Karen L. Karpie, Gail E. McTaggart, David A. Moraghan, Denise Martino Phelan, Timothy P. Pothin, Perry Zinn Rowthorn, Robert D. Silva, Alix Simonetti, Hon. Elliot Solomon (Ret.), Frederic S. Ury, Abby M. Warren, and Matthew Wax-Krell. Present by invitation were: Kathleen B. Harrington, Deputy Director, Attorney Services, and Lisa Valko, Director, CBEC.

The Chair presented information from the NCBE Testing Taskforce’s recently released preliminary report and recommendations on the future of the bar exam.

Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Phelan, it was voted unanimously to accept and record the minutes of the public session of the Special Meeting of December 11, 2020, with Ms. Karpie and Mr. Rowthorn abstaining.

The Treasurer, Mr. Wax-Krell, presented a comparison of the Committee’s income and expenses from the current fiscal year to the previous fiscal year for the First Quarter (July – September 2020).

Judge Elgo presented the report of the nominations subcommittee and its recommendation that the current slate of officers be nominated to continue in their positions. Upon motion duly made by Ms. Simonetti, seconded by Mr. Rowthorn, it was voted unanimously to re-elect the following persons to serve as officers of the Committee for three years or until their successors are elected:

Chair:	Hon. Anne C. Dranginis
Vice-Chair:	Denise Martino Phelan
Treasurer:	Matthew Wax-Krell
Secretary:	Karen Karpie

The Director provided a report for the upcoming February 2021 bar examination. There are currently 220 applications pending, and there are 13 examinees scheduled to receive nonstandard testing accommodations over the course of a 4-day period. Additionally, the Director provided an update on the July 2021 bar examination. Discussion was had regarding the feasibility of administering the exam in-person, what options were being offered by the NCBE, and the progress of the rollout of the vaccines. Consensus was reached that a special meeting should be noticed once the NCBE announces options for the administration of the exam.

Additionally, the Director provided updates regarding 1- law school admission numbers for the local law schools and 2- information regarding the number of applicants

transferring a UBE score for admission to Connecticut who failed the UBE in the jurisdiction in which it was administered.

The Chair adjourned the public portion of the meeting at 10:43 a.m. (EST).

Respectfully submitted,

KAREN L. KARPIE
Secretary