

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
JANUARY 31, 2014

The Chair, Hon. Anne C. Dranginis (Ret.), called the public portion of the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. (EST). Present were Judge Nina Elgo, Eric M. Gross, Karen L. Karpie, Hon. C. Ian McLachlan (Ret.), Robert D. Silva, Alix Simonetti, Matthew Wax-Krell, and Michael J. Whelton. Present by invitation were: Judge Elliot Solomon, Deputy Chief Court Administrator; Kathleen B. Harrington, Deputy Director, Attorney Services; and Jessica F. Kallipolites, Administrative Director.

The Chair presented an update on the Task Force on Legal Education and Standards of Admission. The Task Force is focusing on ensuring that graduates are “practice ready,” and there has been discussion of a certification similar to a Physician’s Assistant – or a so-called “super paralegal.” It is unclear what body would oversee regulation of such a certification and suggestion has been made that this Committee would be an appropriate entity to do so. A preliminary report may be issued in June 2014. A link to additional information will be circulated to the Committee members.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Karpie, seconded by Mr. Whelton, it was voted unanimously to accept and record, without amendment or correction, the minutes of the public session of the Special Meeting of December 6, 2013.

Discussion was had regarding a comparison of the Committee’s income and expenses from the current fiscal year to the previous fiscal year. It was noted that sales of the Sample Answer Booklet produced by the Administrative Office was down by approximately half. This decline was present in both the first and second quarters. The Administrative Office will continue to monitor the situation and will update the Committee at future meetings. If sales continue to decline, production of the Sample Answer Booklet may be discontinued. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Gross, it was voted unanimously to approve the First Quarterly Report (July – September 2013). Additionally, upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Gross, it was voted unanimously to approve the Second Quarterly Report (October – December 2013).

Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Justice McLachlan, it was voted unanimously to table discussion of the Character and Fitness Inquiry and to discuss this matter during the non-public portion of the meeting. The Committee will have representatives meet with Justice Richard Palmer to discuss suggestions for re-wording two (2) application questions to conform to Practice Book requirements.

The Deputy Director updated the Committee on the status of proposed amendments to the motion rule that are pending before the Rules Committee. At that Committee’s January 27, 2014 meeting, it was voted unanimously to send the proposed amendments to public hearing and thereafter present them at the Judges’ Annual Meeting. The Administrative Director provided the Committee with an update regarding the

upcoming February 2014 bar examination. Approximately 75% of the applicants have registered to use their personal laptops on the written portion of the exam, and most candidates have elected to sit for the multiple choice portion in Connecticut as opposed to concurrent jurisdictions.

Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Whelton, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the public portion of the meeting at 10:35 a.m. (EST) and to reconvene in the non-public portion of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

IRVING H. PERLMUTTER
Secretary