

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING – Conducted via ZOOM  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT  
APRIL 23, 2021

The Chair, Hon. Anne C. Dranginis (Ret.), called the public portion of the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. (EDT). Present were Raymond L. Baribeault, Jr., Campbell D. Barrett, 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, Alix Simonetti, Hon. Elliot Solomon (Ret.), Fred Ury, and Abby M. Warren. Present by invitation were: Kathleen B. Harrington, Deputy Director, Attorney Services; Lisa Valko, Director; and Starr Carroll, Program Manager.

The Chair announced the results of the February 2021 bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Moraghan, it was voted unanimously to deem those 93 applicants who had obtained a passing score of 266 as having passed the February 2021 Connecticut bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Phelan, it was voted unanimously to deem those 105 applicants who had failed to obtain a passing score of 266 as having failed to pass the February 2021 Connecticut bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Phelan, it was voted unanimously that those applicants who had obtained a passing score on the February 2021 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, unless further evidence warrants review pursuant to Article VI of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee Regulations. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Phelan, it was voted unanimously that the 2 applicants who had obtained a passing score on the February 2021 Connecticut bar examination, but whose application disclosed issues concerning good character or fitness, be reviewed further pursuant to Article VI of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee Regulations.

The Chair reported on the recent 2021 NCBE Annual Bar Admissions Virtual Conference and discussed the presentations that focused on the next generation of the bar exam. The Chair welcomed Starr Carroll as the new Program Manager.

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 Regular Meeting of January 22, 2021. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to accept and record the minutes of the public session of the Special Meeting of February 10, 2021.

The Director presented the financial reports for the Second Quarter (October - December 2020), and the Third Quarter (January – March 2021). It was noted that a number of income and expense line items may vary from prior years due to the changes that have occurred as a result of COVID-19. The Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 will be presented at the next upcoming Regular Meeting.

The Director provided a report on the upcoming July 2021 remote bar exam, noting that 225 applications have been received to date and the final filing deadline is Friday, April 30, 2021. The filing deadline for applicants that are unsuccessful on the February 2021 bar exam is Friday, May 14, 2021.

The Chair adjourned the public portion of the meeting at 10:15 a.m. (EDT).

Respectfully submitted,

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KAREN L. KARPIE  
Secretary