

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
MAY 5, 2017

The Vice-Chair, Michael J. Whelton, called the public portion of the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. (EDT). Present were Richard F. Banbury, Raymond L. Baribeault Jr., Karen L. Karpie, Denise Martino Phelan, Robert D. Silva and Kerry A. Tarpey. Present by invitation were: Kathleen B. Harrington, Deputy Director, Attorney Services, and Jessica F. Kallipolites, Administrative Director.

The Vice-Chair announced the results of the February 2017 bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Vice-Chair, seconded by Mr. Silva, it was voted unanimously to deem those 82 applicants who had obtained a passing score of 266 as having passed the February 2017 Connecticut bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Vice-Chair, seconded by Ms. Phelan, it was voted unanimously to deem those 81 applicants who had failed to obtain a passing score of 266 as having failed to pass the February 2017 Connecticut bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Vice-Chair, seconded by Ms. Phelan, it was voted unanimously that those applicants who had obtained a passing score on the February 2017 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 Vice-Chair, seconded by Ms. Karpie, it was voted unanimously that the 2 applicants who had obtained a passing grade on the February 2017 Connecticut bar examination, but whose applications disclosed issues concerning good character or fitness, be reviewed further pursuant to Article VI of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee Regulations.

At 10:04 a.m., member Matthew Wax-Krell arrived.

Upon motion duly made by the Vice-Chair, seconded by Ms. Phelan, it was voted unanimously to accept and record the minutes of the public session of the Special Meeting of February 17, 2017.

At 10:08 a.m., members Edward J. Gavin and Alix Simonetti arrived.

Discussion was had regarding a comparison of the Committee's income and expenses from the current fiscal year to the previous fiscal year for the Third Quarter (January – March 2017). Additionally, discussion was had regarding the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year (2017-2018).

At 10:22 a.m., member Hon. Ian C. McLachlan (Ret.) arrived.

The Administrative Director provided information on the number of full-time and part-time students at local law schools for the last several years. The Administrative Director also provided copies of the new language in the various applications concerning

background checks. Additionally, the Administrative Director raised the issue as to whether an applicant that obtains a passing UBE score administered in Connecticut can reuse that score if still valid under circumstances where the applicant must reapply after having his/her application deemed withdrawn. Currently, individuals in this situation can reuse the MBE score if still valid and there is no reason not to allow the same for the UBE score. The language of Article III-1 was discussed at length and possible amendments identified. Concern was noted as to the use of the term “transfer” and whether this should be deleted or whether it can be construed to mean transfer not only from one jurisdiction to another but also from one exam administration to another. It was also noted that any amendment should be consistent with Article V-6, which addresses use of UBE and other scores. Staff was instructed to draft and present proposed amendments for consideration at the July 2017 meeting.

Finally, the Administrative Director provided a report for the upcoming July 2017 bar exam noting that the office has received 369 applications and that the 81 individuals that were unsuccessful on the February 2017 bar exam have an additional three (3) weeks to file an application for the upcoming exam pursuant to Article III-1 of the CBEC Regulations. It was further noted that the number of requests for non-standard testing accommodations has decreased for the upcoming exam despite the increase in applications to sit for the exam.

The Vice-Chair inquired if staff can track whether UBE applicants failed in the jurisdiction in which they attained their UBE score before transferring that score to Connecticut. The Administrative Director indicated that this data is available in the BarExam database and that it will be provided to the Committee at the July 2017 meeting.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Simonetti, seconded by Mr. Wax-Krell, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the public portion of the meeting at 10:47a.m. (EDT) and to reconvene in the non-public portion of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

MATTHEW WAX-KRELL
Secretary