

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT  
JUNE 5, 2009

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The Chair, Anne C. Dranginis of Litchfield, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. (EST). Present were Susan Boyan, Earl F. Dewey II, Mary Driscoll, Honorable Arthur Hiller, Honorable C. Ian McLachlan, Honorable Aaron Ment, Denise Martino Phelan, Honorable Barbara Quinn, Matthew Wax-Krell and Michael Whelton. Present by invitation were Howard E. Emond, Jr., Deputy Director, Attorney Services; Kathleen B. Wood, Administrative Director; and Jessica F. Kallipolites, Assistant Administrative Director.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion regarding potential changes to the essay portion of the Connecticut bar examination. There was discussion concerning pretesting, improvements to the current essay system, and the products offered by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE).

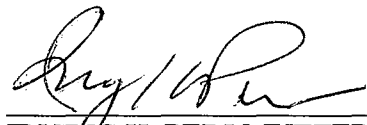
Upon motion duly made by Judge Ment, seconded by Justice McLachlan, it was voted unanimously to begin using approximately 6 Multistate Essay Examination questions (MEEs) and approximately 6 CT essay questions on the February 2010 bar examination. The NCBE produces 9 MEEs each administration and the Committee will select approximately 6 to be used during the CT bar examination and will fill the balance with CT essay questions. The Committee did not vote on adopting the Multistate Performance Test (MPT).

The Chair sought volunteers for the Exam Subcommittee, which would be responsible (in conjunction with the Administrative Office) for improving the current essay system and reporting back to the full Committee. Judge Ment volunteered to join Mr. Whelton on this subcommittee.

Ms. Wood remarked that the Administrative Office will draft proposed amendments to the relevant CBEC Regulations for the Committee's consideration at the June 26, 2009 meeting to implement the above-referenced change.

Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Whelton, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:56 a.m. (EDT).

Respectfully submitted,

  
IRVING H. PERLMUTTER  
Secretary