

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING – Conducted via ZOOM  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT  
JULY 9, 2021

The Vice Chair, Denise Martino Phelan, called the public portion of the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. (EDT). Present were Campbell D. Barrett, Deborah L. Bradley, Edward J. Gavin, Karen L. Karpie, Gail E. McTaggart, David A. Moraghan, Alix Simonetti, Hon. Elliot Solomon (Ret.), Frederic S. Ury, and Abby M. Warren. Present by invitation were: Kathleen B. Harrington, Deputy Director, Attorney Services; Lisa Valko, Director; and Starr Carroll, Program Manager.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Ury, it was voted unanimously to accept and record, without amendment or correction, the minutes of the public session of the Regular Meeting of April 23, 2021.

The Director presented the projected versus actual budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 and the projected budget for fiscal year 2021-2022.

At 10:11 a.m., member Timothy P. Pothin arrived.

The Deputy Director discussed an inquiry received from USC Gould School of Law Professor Sam Erman, on behalf of the Mindsets in Legal Education organization, seeking Connecticut's participation in its Bar Exam Strategies and Stories program. The consensus was to gather more information regarding this program and to place this item on the agenda of the next regular CBEC meeting.

At 10:20 a.m., member Eric M. Gross arrived.

The Director presented the grader qualification policy and sought input on updating or revising the policy. A subcommittee will be formed to review the policy and present revisions to the full Committee.

Discussion was had regarding clarification of the MPRE requirement under Article IV of the CBEC Regulations as it applies to applicants for admission without examination. Upon motion duly made by Ms. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Gross, it was voted unanimously to amend Article IV as proposed to clarify and define when an applicant for admission without examination must take the MPRE examination or a course in professional responsibility.

The Director provided a report for the upcoming July 2021 bar examination, which will be held remotely on July 27 and 28, 2021. There are currently 379 applications pending. There are 18 examinees scheduled to receive nonstandard testing accommodations, with one examinee testing in-person at the CBEC Administrative Office. Ten requests have been granted for hotel accommodations for quiet space and/or access to internet. The deadline to request a hotel accommodation is July 20, 2021.

The Director presented updated 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 Deputy Director presented proposed amendments to the Non-Standard Testing Accommodation Request forms. The amendments clarify the CBEC review process and the required supporting documentation. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Ury, seconded by Ms. Phelan, it was voted unanimously to approve the proposed amendments, with Ms. Simonetti abstaining.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the public portion of the meeting at 10:55 a.m. (EDT) and to reconvene in the non-public portion of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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KAREN L. KARPIE  
Secretary