

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING – Conducted via ZOOM
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
JULY 15, 2022

The Chair, Hon. Anne C. Dranginis (Ret.), called the public portion of the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. (EDT). Present were Raymond L. Baribeault, Jr., Miguel A. Escalera, Jr., Eric M. Gross, Karen L. Karpie, David A. Moraghan, Denise Martino Phelan, Robert D. Silva, Alix Simonetti, Frederic S. Ury, Abby M. Warren, and Matt Wax-Krell. Present by invitation were: Kathleen B. Harrington, Deputy Director, Attorney Services; Lisa Valko, Director; and Starr Carroll, Program Manager.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Gross, seconded by Mr. Moraghan, it was voted unanimously to accept and record, without amendment or correction, the minutes of the public session of the Regular Meeting of April 22, 2022, with Ms. Karpie abstaining.

Mr. Wax-Krell and the Director presented the projected versus actual budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 and the projected budget for fiscal year 2022-2023. The projected budget for the upcoming fiscal year was approved by consensus.

Discussion was had regarding a petition to amend Article IV-3 of the CBEC Regulations to expand its application to candidates for admission through UBE score transfer that are full-time faculty members or full-time clinical fellows at accredited Connecticut law schools. Daniel Loehr, who submitted the petition, was invited by the Chair to present to the Committee. Discussion was had concerning the origin of Article IV-3, the pros and cons of expanding its applicability, the lack of a practice requirement for admission upon UBE score transfer, and the typical practice requirements for faculty members and clinical fellows. The consensus was that further consideration was warranted regarding the petition and that a subcommittee be formed to present a recommendation to the full Committee.

The Chair addressed the documentation submitted by the Massachusetts School of Law in support of its request for re-approval for an additional period under Article II of the CBEC Regulations. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to grant approval for an additional period of three (3) years.

At 10:30 a.m., member Deborah L. Bradley arrived.

The Director provided a report for the upcoming July 2022 bar examination, which will be held on July 26 and 27, 2022. There are currently 358 applications pending. There are 12 examinees scheduled to receive nonstandard testing accommodations, with one examinee receiving double time and testing on Thursday and Friday at the CBEC Administrative Office. Additionally, 88% of candidates registered to use their laptops on the written portion of the exam.

An update was provided on status of the applicant portal and online application. The Administrative Office is working with ILG on the new website, which has been built but

is not yet accessible to the public. This has been a huge undertaking, but staff are hopeful that the system will begin rollout in late summer or early fall.

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 Chair adjourned the public portion of the meeting at 10:44 a.m. (EDT), and the Committee reconvened in the non-public portion of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

KAREN L. KARPIE
Secretary