

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

The Secretary, Matthew Wax-Krell, called the public portion of the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. (EDT). Present were Raymond L. Baribeault Jr., Erick I. Diaz, Hon. Nina Elgo, Edward J. Gavin, Karen L. Karpie, Hon. C. Ian McLachlan (Ret.), Gail E. McTaggart, Denise Martino Phelan, Timothy P. Pothin, Martha S. Triplett, and Frederic S. Ury. Present by invitation were: Kathleen B. Harrington, Deputy Director, Attorney Services; Jessica F. Kallipolites, Administrative Director; Lisa Valko, Assistant Administrative Director; and James O'Connor, Attorney, Legal Services.

Mr. Wax-Krell announced the results of the July 2018 bar examination. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Wax-Krell, seconded by Mr. Ury, it was voted unanimously to deem those 180 applicants who had obtained a passing score of 266 as having passed the July 2018 Connecticut bar examination. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Wax-Krell, seconded by Ms. Phelan, it was voted unanimously to deem those 147 applicants who had failed to obtain a passing score of 266 as having failed to pass the July 2018 Connecticut bar examination. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Wax-Krell, seconded by Ms. Phelan, it was voted unanimously that those applicants who had obtained a passing score on the July 2018 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 Mr. Wax-Krell, seconded by Justice McLachlan, it was voted unanimously that the 5 applicants who had obtained a passing score on the July 2018 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 10:05 a.m., members Kevin C. Connors, Eric M. Gross, and Judge Elliot Solomon arrived and Attorney O'Connor left the meeting.

Mr. Wax-Krell welcomed new members, Erick I. Diaz and Martha S. Triplett, to the committee.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Gross, it was voted unanimously to accept and record the minutes of the public session of the Regular Meeting of July 13, 2018, with Mr. Diaz and Ms. Triplett abstaining.

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 Fourth Quarter (April – June 2018) and for the complete fiscal year.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Ury, seconded by Justice McLachlan, it was voted unanimously to approve the fourth quarter and annual financial reports.

Ms. Karpie gave the report and recommendation of the Massachusetts School of Law subcommittee. Massachusetts School of Law (MSL) was committee approved until January 2019 and recently submitted documentation seeking re-approval for an additional period of time. Ms. Karpie addressed MSL's recent pass rates and the subcommittee's discussion of the documentation submitted by the school. Justice McLachlan addressed the impressions made by MSL students on the subcommittee at the last site visit. Upon motion duly made by Judge Solomon, seconded by Mr. Connors, it was voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation that approval be granted for an additional period of three (3) years.

The Administrative Director presented proposed amendments to Article V of the CBEC Regulations. The proposed amendments would remove language permitting applicants to transfer a Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) score and only take one day of the examination. The amendments would require that all bar examination applicants sit for both days of the exam in Connecticut. With the adoption of the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE), the number of applicants transferring an MBE score has decreased substantially and permitting MBE score transfers has resulted in confusion on the part of applicants seeking to transfer a UBE score to Connecticut. Upon motion duly made by Ms. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Ury, it was voted unanimously to adopt the proposed amendments.

At 10:29 a.m., member Kevin C. Connors left the meeting.

The Administrative Director presented CBEC meeting dates for 2019 and presented information relating to the next NCBE Annual Bar Admissions Conference to be held in May 2019 in San Francisco, CA.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Pothin, seconded by Ms. McTaggart it was voted unanimously to adjourn the public portion of the meeting at 10:33 a.m. (EDT) and to reconvene in the non-public portion of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

MATTHEW WAX-KRELL
Secretary