

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2017

The Chair, Hon. Anne C. Dranginis (Ret.), called the public portion of the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. (EDT). Present were Hon. Nina Elgo, Edward J. Gavin, Eric M. Gross, Karen L. Karpie, Gail E. McTaggart, Denise Martino Phelan, Amir Shaikh, Hon. Elliot Solomon, 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, Counsel, Legal Services.

The Chair announced the results of the July 2017 bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Gross, it was voted unanimously to deem those 268 applicants who had obtained a passing score of 266 as having passed the July 2017 Connecticut bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Gross, it was voted unanimously to deem those 113 applicants who had failed to obtain a passing score of 266 as having failed to pass the July 2017 Connecticut bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Phelan, it was voted unanimously that those applicants who had obtained a passing score on the July 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 Chair, seconded by Ms. Phelan, it was voted unanimously that the 12 applicants who had obtained a passing grade on the July 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 10:02 a.m., members Hon. C. Ian McLachlan (Ret.), Robert D. Silva, and Michael J. Whelton arrived. Mr. O'Connor left the meeting.

Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Whelton, it was voted unanimously to accept and record the minutes of the public session of the Regular Meeting of July 7, 2017.

The Chair welcomed new member Mr. Shaikh.

At 10:04 a.m., members Alix Simonetti and Perry Zinn Rowthorn 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 Fourth Quarter (April – June 2017) and for the complete fiscal year. It was noted that while exam application numbers remained similar from one year to the next, the number decreased for February 2017 and increased for July 2017.

Ms. Phelan addressed a recent inquiry from the legislature regarding CBEC funds and accounts. Discussion was had regarding the 2009 transfer of surplus funds to the executive secretary of the judicial branch for deposit as court revenue in the general fund pursuant to Practice Book § 2-22 (a), the current fiscal climate in the state, and whether another such transfer should be made. This item will be further addressed at the January 26, 2018 meeting so that additional information may be gathered and discussed.

Judge Elgo gave a report of the nomination subcommittee. The current officers' terms expire in January and a vote will be held at that meeting. All current officers have indicated their willingness to serve an additional term.

The Administrative Director presented proposed amendments to the reference forms for all applicants. The change related to the following question found on the form: "To your knowledge is the applicant currently suffering from a disability which would impair the applicant's ability to practice law? If so, explain." Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to remove this question from all reference forms.

The Administrative Director presented the proposed military spouse temporary licensing application and forms. Upon motion duly made by Ms. McTaggart, seconded by Mr. Gross, it was voted unanimously to approve the application and forms as presented and incorporating the recent amendment to the reference forms.

At approximately 11:00 a.m., Martin Pritikin, Dean of Concord Law School and Shaun Jamison, Associate Dean of Faculty of Concord Law School joined the meeting by conference call and Adobe Connect. Martin Libbin, Director of Legal Services arrived. Deans Pritikin and Jamison gave a demonstration regarding how a class at Concord Law School is conducted, including how students interact with the professor and one another and how material is presented to the students.

At 11:40 a.m., member Ms. Simonetti left the meeting.

Dean Pritikin also presented information on other tools and resources their students have access to and answered questions regarding classes and the technology utilized.

At 11:48 a.m., members Mr. Silva and Mr. Ury, Mr. Libbin, and Deans Pritikin and Jamison left the meeting.

The Assistant Administrative Director presented amendments to the July 2018 examination application and Form 6 regarding amendments made to the deadlines and fees at the July 7, 2017 meeting. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Whelton, seconded by Mr. Zinn Rowthorn, it was voted unanimously to approve the amendments as presented.

At 11:50 a.m., member Ms. Simonetti rejoined the meeting.

The Administrative Director announced that the next NCBE Annual Bar Admissions Conference will be held April 19-22, 2018 in Philadelphia, PA. Members that are interested in attending were encouraged to email the Administrative Director.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Gross, seconded by the Chair, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the public portion of the meeting at 11:51 a.m. (EDT) and to reconvene in the non-public portion of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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MATTHEW WAX-KRELL  
Secretary