

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING – Conducted via ZOOM
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
DECEMBER 11, 2020

The Chair, Hon. Anne C. Dranginis (Ret.), called the public portion of the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. (EDT). Present were Raymond L. Baribeault, Jr., Campbell D. Barrett, Deborah L. Bradley, Kevin C. Connors, Hon. Nina Elgo, Edward J. Gavin, Eric M. Gross, Gail E. McTaggart, David A. Moraghan, Sharon A. Peters, Denise Martino Phelan, Amir Shaikh, Alix Simonetti, Hon. Elliot Solomon (Ret.), Martha S. Triplett, Frederic S. Ury, Abby M. Warren, and Matthew Wax-Krell. Present by invitation were Kathleen B. Harrington, Deputy Director, Attorney Services, and Lisa Valko, Program Manager.

The Chair announced the results of the October 2020 remote bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Phelan, it was voted unanimously to deem those 270 applicants who had obtained a passing score of 266 as having passed the October 2020 remote bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Moraghan, it was voted unanimously to deem those 130 applicants who had failed to obtain a passing score of 266 as having failed to pass the October 2020 remote 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 October 2020 remote 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 Mr. Connors, it was voted unanimously that the 4 applicants who had obtained a passing score on the October 2020 remote bar examination, but whose application disclosed issues concerning good character or fitness, be reviewed further pursuant to Article VI of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee Regulations.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Simonetti, seconded by Mr. Wax-Krell, it was voted unanimously to accept and record the minutes of the public session of the Regular Meeting of September 25, 2020.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Simonetti, seconded by Mr. Connors, it was voted unanimously to accept and record the minutes of the public session of the Special Meeting of October 9, 2020.

Representatives from Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers, Connecticut Inc. (LCL-CT) presented to the Committee. The speakers were: Attorney Beth Griffin, Director; Attorney Kathleen Flaherty, Vice-President; and Attorney Anthony LaBella, President. Information was shared regarding an overview of the programs and services offered and the types of issues that they have seen in the past and what they are seeing presently. Additionally, the speakers expressed a desire to foster a closer relationship between LCL-CT and the Committee and to be of more service in assisting the Committee in tailoring and crafting conditional admission agreements.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Gavin, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to waive the computer registration for all February 2021 bar examination applicants, and to provide reimbursement up to \$200 per day for two days, for a total of up to \$400, for the February 2021 bar examination applicants who need a quiet space or a location with reliable internet if a request for such an accommodation is received by the deadline and granted.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the public portion of the meeting at 11:01 a.m. (EDT).

Respectfully submitted,

HON. ANNE C. DRANGINIS (RET.)
Secretary *Pro Tem*