



# The State Bar of California

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## OPEN SESSION MINUTES

### THE COMMITTEE OF STATE BAR ACCREDITED AND REGISTERED SCHOOLS (CSBARS) OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

December 5, 2019

The State Bar of California  
180 Howard Street  
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A meeting of the State Bar of California's Committee of State Bar Accredited and Registered Schools (CSBARS) convened in open session at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2019, in a meeting room of the State Bar offices in San Francisco, Acting Chair Greg Brandes presiding. The meeting was live webcast.

The open session portion of the meeting concluded at approximately 3:00 p.m., at which time the meeting adjourned, there being no closed session.

#### **A. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL**

Acting Chair Greg Brandes called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Greg Brandes, Jay Frykberg, Kareem Gongora, Greg Murphy, Martin Pritikin, and Brian Purtill.

Members Absent: Jackie Gardina

Staff: Donna Hershkowitz, Amy Nuñez, Natalie Leonard, Caroline Holmes, Carolina Almarante.

#### **B. CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Acting Chair Brandes called for active public comment in connection with each item as it was discussed.

#### **C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the CSBARS meeting of October 17, 2019 were approved.

## **D. STAFF REPORT**

The State Bar will be reaching out to schools to seek feedback that will shape the Registrars' Meeting going forward. The State Bar will also be updating the Annual Report forms to streamline them and to ensure that they provide guidance to schools to elicit consistent data across the wide range of school-year calendars used by different registered and accredited schools.

## **E. REQUEST FOR FURTHER FEEDBACK ON STATE BAR PROPOSED CHANGES TO ANNUAL REPORTING REGARDING COLLECTION OF DATA ON DEMOGRAPHICS, RETENTION, AND ATTRITION DATA**

Schools will be asked to provide expanded data in a multi-step rollout beginning in 2020, likely along with the Annual Report. In January, the State Bar will distribute a data capacity survey to all registered and accredited law schools to assess current demographic data collection practices.

The State Bar also agreed to provide more information at the next meeting about how demographic data is handled to promote privacy.

## **F. TRANSLATING VALUES UNDERLYING THE PURPOSE FOR ACCREDITATION TO RULE STATEMENTS**

CSBARS identified a process for translating the identified values into the rule statements guiding the new purpose for accreditation. The values selected from the priority list were:

Consumer Protection  
Diversity, Equity, Access & Inclusion  
Preparation for Licensure  
Professionalism/Civility/Ethics  
Student-Centered Focus/Teaching Excellence  
Transparency

Teams of two will be refining the rule and guideline statements for presentation at the January 2020 meeting as follows:

Brandes/Gongora: Diversity, Student Centered Focus  
Murphy/Frykberg: Civility, Preparation for Licensure  
Purtill/Pritikin: Consumer Protection, Transparency

## **G. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting will take place in Los Angeles on January 30, 2020 from 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

End Open Session

No Closed Session

**MEETING ADJOURNED**