



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 TELECONFERENCE

April 23, 2020

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, April 23, 2020 via Zoom teleconference, Chair Jackie Gardina presiding.

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

Chair Jackie Gardina called the meeting to order.

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

Kristin Rosi and Donna Schuele attended on behalf of the State Bar of California's Commission on Access and Fairness.

Staff: Donna Hershkowitz, Amy Nuñez, Audrey Ching, Natalie Leonard, Amber Aldredge, Caroline Holmes, Ken Holloway, and Elizabeth Hom.

B. CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Gardina called for public comment in connection with each rules section as it was discussed. Members of the public were also invited to send written comments as soon as possible during or after the meeting to admissions@calbar.ca.gov or natalie.leonard@calbar.ca.gov.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the CSBARS meeting of February 27, 2020 were approved unanimously.

D. STAFF REPORT

Schools and all members of the public are reminded to sign up for notification of posting of Committee and Commission agendas and items for any State Bar subentity at <http://board.calbar.ca.gov/Committees.aspx>.

Staff reported that schools are affirmatively filing reports advising of changes made under the Committee's temporary blanket waiver issued on March 30, 2020, and the transition to online classes appears to be smooth so far. Schools are reminded to contact the State Bar to the extent that online classes or pass fail grading is expanded during the waiver period which extends through August 31, 2020.

Staff also shared information about deadlines and requirements adjusted in light of the COVID-19 crisis. Schools are encouraged to check the admissions website to keep updated as details are finalized.

F. FURTHER EDITS TO PROPOSED REVISED ACCREDITED LAW SCHOOL RULES

At the meeting in February, CSBARS reviewed proposed rule 4.160. The meeting proposed for March 2020 was cancelled due to issues related to COVID-19 response.

In the interim, the CSBARS provided feedback by section that was integrated into the draft and reviewed at this meeting.

At the April meeting, CSBARS reviewed the remaining rules and assigned follow up to be delivered to the State Bar on May 11, with a goal of providing a recommended posting date of June 8 and finalization date of June 18.

CSBARS Committed to the following timeline:

May 11 Materials to State Bar
May 22 Staff Comments Added
May 29 Further Comment from CSBARS individual members
June 8 Posting Target
June 18 Finalization and Recommendation to the Committee

CSBARS Committed to the following review assignments:

4.102(B) Guidelines/Safe Harbor: Dean Pritikin, supported by Dean Brandes
4.103(C) Deemed Status: Dean Brandes, supported by Dean Frykberg and Dean Pritikin
4.160(B) Student Success: Dean Gardina, supported by Dean Pritikin
4.169 (C) Donna Hershkowitz, supported by Kareem Gongora
4.160 (D) Preparation for Licensure and Professionalism: Dean Frykberg, supported by Greg Murphy
4.170 Redraft of Noncompliance Process/Substantial Compliance: Dean Pritikin (who will also review Dean Purtill's Substantial Compliance Material)

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting will take place via Zoom on Thursday, June 18, 2020, 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

End Open Session
No Closed Session

MEETING ADJOURNED