



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

August 20, 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, August 20, 2020 via Zoom teleconference, Chair Jackie Gardina presiding.

The open session portion of the meeting concluded at approximately 3:30 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, Martin Pritikin, and Brian Purtill.

Staff Present: Amy Nuñez, Audrey Ching, Natalie Leonard, Ken Holloway, and Ashlie Koehn.

B. CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Gardina called for public comment in connection with each item 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 June 18, 2020 were approved without amendments. The motion was made by Kareem Gongora and seconded by Greg Brandes. The minutes were then approved unanimously.

D. STAFF REPORT

Staff provided an update regarding upcoming State Bar exams, noting that information is being placed on the State Bar's website, and that students should be encouraged to read their email promptly.

Staff also noted that rule changes related will be presented to the Board of Trustees in September that parallel the statutory changes being considered by the Legislature to confirm that students for whom the June 2020 examination was the first, second or third administration after they became eligible to take it would have up to four administrations to pass the exam, claim credit for their law study to date, and continue law studies.

Applications to serve on CSBARS are being accepted until September 30, 2020 [Subsequent to this meeting, the deadline was extended to October 15, 2020].

E. FINAL COMMENTS REGARDING ACCREDITED RULES REVISION PROPOSAL

Subsequent to the June 2020 CSBARS meeting, editors Frykberg and Pritikin completed a final review of the CSBARS proposal to replace the accredited law school rules that were adopted at the June 2020 meeting. That proposal will be presented along with a staff alternative to several provisions to the Committee of Bar Examiners this week. CSBARS members provided comment about the staff alternative which will be shared with the Committee.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

End Open Session

No Closed Session

MEETING ADJOURNED