

AGENDA ITEM

MAY 10 – Board of Trustees – April 16, 2018, Open Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, April 16, 2018
Open Minutes
State Bar of California
Conference Call
180 Howard St., 8th Floor, Room 8B, SF
845 S. Figueroa St., 2nd Floor, Room 2A, LA
402 West Broadway, Suite 1820, San Diego, CA
350 South Grand Avenue, 50th Floor, Los Angeles, CA
1415 Truxtun Avenue, 7th Floor, Bakersfield, CA
2300 Tulare Street, Suite 215, Fresno, CA
1215 K Street, Suite 2290, Sacramento, CA
76 North Fair Oaks, Pasadena, CA
2151 Paseo Grande, El Cajon, CA
308 Devonshire Blvd., San Carlos, CA

The Board of Trustees of The State of California convened in open session at 3:01 pm by conference call at the locations listed above, Michael Colantuono presiding. The following members were present:

Mark Broughton, James Fox, Jason Lee, Debbie Manning, Joshua Perttula, Brandon Stallings, Alan Steinbrecher, Todd Stevens

The following members of the Board joined late: Hailyn Chen, Renee LaBraun, Stacie Spector, Sean Selegue

The following member was not present: Joanna Mendoza

The following State Bar staff were present: Louisa Ayrapetyan, Tahnee Baker, Brady Dewar, Justin Ewert, Kevin Harper, Vanessa Holton, Jay Lee, Dag MacLeod, Margarita Manalo, Nicole Perreira, Leah Wilson

The roll call was taken.

Mr. Colantuono announced that the Board would move into closed session and adjourned the open session.

Open session resumed at 4:03 pm, Michael Colantuono presiding, with the following members present:

Mark Broughton, Hailyn Chen, James Fox, Renee LaBraun, Jason Lee, Debbie Manning, Joshua Perttula, Sean SeLegue, Stacie Spector, Brandon Stallings, Alan Steinbrecher, Todd Stevens.

The roll call was taken.

Mr. Colantuono called for public comment. Jerry Braun and David Mann spoke on behalf of Agenda Item 701, offering their support for the State Bar to take a position in favor of a Legislative proposal to divert one dollar from the mandatory \$10 fee for active members that supports the Lawyer Assistance Program, and transfer that dollar to a non-profit that works with attorneys to deal with drug and alcohol dependence. The speakers represent The Other Bar, a non-profit that would likely be eligible for the funding if approved by the Legislature.

There was no report from the Chair.

50 Consent Agenda

The following item on the consent agenda was presented to the Board for approval. It was approved without discussion, Sean SeLegue abstaining.

50-1 Approval for Specified Contracts pursuant to Business & Professions Code § 6008.6

1. For California Bar Examination Sites: Doubletree Hotel Sacramento; Sheraton Gateway Hotel; Holiday Inn South San Francisco; Ontario Convention Center
2. For Interim Financial Services: Kevin Harper; Francis Ngure
3. For General Contractor Services: Driver SPG
4. For Insurance Program Services: Ernst & Young; Joseph Lavitt

700 Miscellaneous

701 State Bar Legislative Priorities

The staff recommendation to add a new legislative priority was approved as written; the staff recommendation not to oppose the transfer of funding from the Lawyer Assistance Program was modified to a position of support for the transfer of funding.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board ~~supports~~ ~~does not oppose~~ legislation that would transfer a dollar from the mandatory fee that supports the Lawyer Assistance Program to fund a voluntary drug-alcohol treatment program outside of the Bar.

Members of the Board discussed their concerns about directing mandatory fees paid by attorneys to fund an entity that is not affiliated with the Bar. Additional concerns raised about whether the issue has been studied sufficiently prior to coming to the Board.

Arguments in favor pointed to strong support in the Legislature for the proposed change.

Stacie Spector moved to approve the recommendations as modified; Brandon Stallings seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Fox, LaBraun, Manning, Perttula, Stevens

Opposed: Broughton, Chen, Lee, SeLegue, Steinbrecher

The motion passed.

702 Proposed Rule of Court Regarding Refingerprinting Active Licensed Attorneys: Proposal to Amend Fee Scaling Criteria

James Fox moved to approve the resolution; Sean SeLegue seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Open session was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. for the Board to return to closed session.