

**CALIFORNIA BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION
OPEN MEETING ACTION SUMMARY**

**The State Bar of California
845 S. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017
Friday, July 13, 2018, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

A meeting of the California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLS) was convened on Friday, July 13, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in open session with Chair Glenn Plattner presiding.

The following members/officers of the CBLS were present: Michael Berg, Louis Esbin, Miles Friedman, Jeffrey Hayden, Robert Hershenson, Jeremy Kline, Cynthia Levin, John Munsill, Glenn Plattner, Donald Sheppard, Aurelio Torre and L. Robert Vermes.

The following members of the CBLS were absent: Janet Coulter, Mark A. Lester and Neil Thakur.

The following State Bar staff members were present: Amy Nuñez, Interim Director; Natalie Leonard, Program Manager III; Richard Schauffler, Sr. Program Analyst; and Adrian Galang, Program Coordinator.

I. INFORMATION

1. Chair Plattner welcomed members and staff.
2. Amy Nuñez gave the report on the status of several pending State Bar Office of Admission activities, including an update on the upcoming July 2018 California Bar Examination, and the studies completed for the bar examination.
3. Richard Schauffler from the State Bar's Office of Research and Institutional Accountability gave the report on the status of the Governance in the Public Interest Task Force recommendations for Appendix I: Sub-Entity Review as it applies to the California Board of Legal Specialization.

II. CONSENT

1. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the April 13, 2018 CBLS open meeting action summary was approved.

All members present voted yes.

III. ACTION

1. **Action taken:** Upon motion, made, seconded and adopted, the report on Financial and Operational Key Indicators was received and filed.

All members present voted yes.

2. **Action taken:** Upon motion, made, seconded and adopted, the report regarding the Post-Examination Application status for Candidates passing the 2015 and 2017 Legal Specialist Examinations was received and filed.

All members present voted yes.

3. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the CBLS granted an extension of time to certified specialists who were due to report either their 2018 Legal Specialization Annual Fee or legal specialist education compliance by February 1, 2018 but had not done so. The new deadline for both will be August 31, 2018.

All members present voted yes.

4. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the recommendations of the advisory commissions regarding the certification and recertification of certified specialists were approved.

Certifications were adopted effective August 1, 2018. Recertifications were adopted effective on the applicants' scheduled recertification dates as noted.

Member Donald Sheppard recused himself. All other members present voted yes.

5. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the recommendations of the advisory commissions regarding the revocation of the status of certified specialists was approved.

Specialists who have not filed timely recertification applications will have their certificates revoked if they do not provide a recertification application and proper payment within ten days of a final reminder.

All members present voted yes.

6. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, that Joseph Boufadel was appointed to the Bankruptcy Law Advisory Commission as an interim appointment effective immediately through the end of the State Bar year in 2020; Dan Stanford was appointed to the Legal Malpractice Law Advisory Commission as an interim appointment effective immediately through the end of the State Bar year in 2019; and Nikki Mehrpoo-Jacobson was appointed to the Workers' Compensation Law Advisory Commission as an interim appointment effective immediately through the end of the State Bar year in 2021.

All members present voted yes.

7. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the report on the status and creation of the Admissions Information Management System was received and filed.

All members present voted yes.

8. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, that the legal specialist education subfield requirement be permanently waived for applicants seeking initial certification, effective immediately, and for specialists who are reporting their continuing legal education requirement, effective with the next MCLE compliance group reporting period.

All members present voted yes.

9. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, that the CBLS moved to recommend to the Board of Trustees that the program standards be revised to delete subfield no longer needed in order to avoid unnecessary programming when creating the joint Legal Specialization/MCLE provider computer system to log participant attendance.

All members present voted yes.

The next CBLS meeting will be held at **State Bar of California in San Francisco** on September 28, 2018, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

[Note: The September meeting was cancelled].

Seeing no other business, Chair Plattner called the open session of the meeting to a close at 3:00 pm, and the group convened into closed session.

Respectfully submitted,
Adrian Galang
Program Coordinator, Legal Specialization