



The State Bar of California

CALIFORNIA BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION OPEN MEETING MINUTES

**The State Bar of California
180 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105
Friday, November 30, 11:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

A meeting of the California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLS) was convened on Friday, November 30, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in open session with Chair Glenn Plattner presiding.

The following members/officers of the CBLS were present: Michael S. Berg, Janet M. Coulter, Louis J. Esbin, Jeffrey B. Hayden, Robert Hershenson, Jeremy B. Kline, Cynthia Levin, John W. Munsill, Glenn J. Plattner, and L. Robert Vermes.

The following members of the CBLS attended telephonically: Miles D. Friedman and Mark A. Lester.

The following members of the CBLS were absent: Donald K. Sheppard and Aurelio Torre.

The following State Bar staff members were present: Amy C. Nuñez, Director; Christal Bundang, Program Supervisor; 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 activities, including updates on:
 - the State Bar Board of Trustee's November action arising from the Appendix I – Sub-Entity Review, and how it relates to the CBLS in terms of size and composition;
 - the Office of Admissions' release of results for the July 2018 California Bar Examination, and the studies completed for the bar examination; and
 - the status of the Admissions Information Management System (AIMS) with its upcoming go-live date.

II. CONSENT

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

All members present voted yes.

2. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the October 26, 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 recommendations of the advisory commissions regarding the certification certified specialists was approved.

Certifications were adopted effective December 1, 2018.

All members present voted yes.

4. **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.

5. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the following candidates were approved to be recommended to the Board of Trustees for appointment as officers of the 2018-2019 CBLS: Michael S. Berg, Chair; and Miles D. Friedman, Vice Chair.

All members present voted yes.

6. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the following candidate was approved to be recommended to the Board of Trustees for appointment as an officer of the 2018-2019 CBLS: Glenn J. Plattner, Immediate Past Chair/Advisor.

All members present voted yes.

7. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the proposal that the CBLS consist of one Public Member and one Immediate Past Chair position was approved to be recommended to the Board of Trustees.

Members Louis J. Esbin and John W. Munsill voted no. All other members present voted yes.

8. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the following proposal was approved to be recommended to the Board of Trustees:

Whereas the Board of Trustees has elected to sunset the advisory commissions;

Whereas some of the jobs performed by the advisory commissions may need to be assumed by the California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLS);

Whereas these functions may include:

- Review of applications for certification and recertification
- Review of Legal Specialist Examination questions
- Review of changes in substantive law
- Oversight and direction of paid consultants;

Whereas for the CBLS to perform its public protection function, it would be helpful to have a certified specialist from each area of specialty on the CBLS;

The CBLS proposes the Board of Trustees reconsider the global recommended sub-entity size of seven members for the CBLS.

Vice Chair Berg voted no. All other members present voted yes.

The next CBLS meeting will be held at **State Bar of California in San Francisco** on February 15, 2019, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Seeing no other business, Chair Plattner called the open session of the meeting to a close at 3:15 pm, and the group convened into closed session.

Respectfully submitted,
Adrian Galang
Program Coordinator, Legal Specialization