



# The State Bar *of California*

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## **OPEN AGENDA**

**JUNE 2019**

## **COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS ITEM O-100**

### OPEN SESSION MINUTES

#### THE COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

April 26 and 27, 2019

State Bar of California Offices  
180 Howard Street  
San Francisco, California

A meeting of the Committee of Bar Examiners of The State Bar of California convened in open session at 9:10 a.m., Friday, April 26, 2019, in a meeting room at the State Bar offices in San Francisco, James P. Fox, Chair, presiding. Officers and members present were: James P. Fox, Chair, Esther P. Lin, Vice-Chair, Angeli O. Agatep, M.D., James A. Bolton, Ph.D., Robert S. Brody, Alex H. Chan, James H. Efting, Kareem Gongora, Dolores Heisinger, Michael A. Iseri, Larry Kaplan, Paul A. Kramer, Bethany J. Peak, Vincent Reyes, Judge Shelly B. Torrealba, and Patricia M. Villalobos, Members. Members Judith K. Gillespie, Alexander C. Lawrence, Jr. and David A. Torres were absent. State Bar staff members in attendance were: Leah Wilson, Executive Director; Donna Hershkowitz, Chief Programs Office; Amy C. Nuñez, Director III, Admissions; Mark Torres-Gil, Assistant Director, Admissions; Lisa Cummins, Program Manager III, Christina Doell, Program Manager I; Tammy Campbell, Program Manager I; Tara Clark, Program Manager I; Natalie Leonard, Principal Program Analyst; Kim Wong, Administrative Supervisor; and Destie Overpeck, Attorney III. Also in attendance were: Dean Greg Brandes, Dean Jackie Gardina, Dean Brian Purtill, Dean Ira Spiro, and Dean Elizabeth Xyr. The open session portion of the meeting concluded at approximately 10:25 a.m. at which time the Deans left the meeting. The meeting went into closed session at approximately 10:45 a.m. The closed session concluded at approximately 2:45 p.m. The meeting was reconvened in closed session beginning at 9:05 a.m. on Saturday, April 27, 2019. All Committee officers and members who were present on Friday were also present on Saturday, except: Vice-Chair Esther Lin and members Michael Iseri, Larry Kaplan and Bethany Peak. The only State Bar staff in attendance on Saturday were Lisa Cummins, Destie Overpeck and Kim Wong. Also in attendance were members of the

Examination Development and Grading (EDG) Team: Amy Gee, David Kelley, Kathy Meola, Laura Meyers, Amanda Roze, and Paul Webb. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR ADMISSION CEREMONIES  
FOR SUCCESSFUL FEBRUARY 2019  
CALIFORNIA BAR EXAMINATION APPLICANTS

It was by common consent agreed that the following members represent the Committee at the designated Admissions Ceremonies, which will be conducted for the purpose of admitting applicants who are successful on the February 2019 California Bar Examination and who have met all other requirements for admission:

Fresno – No Committee Member  
Los Angeles – James Bolton  
Oakland Convention Center – Vincent Reyes  
Orange County – Esther Lin  
Riverside – Kareem Gongora  
Sacramento – Paul Kramer  
San Diego – No Committee Member  
Ventura – No Committee Member

MARCH 22, 2019 COMMITTEE MEETING PUBLIC MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the minutes taken during the public session of the meeting on March 22, 2019, be approved.

Moved by Brody, seconded by Gongora.

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

It was by common consent agreed that the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California 2018 Annual Report be received and filed.

FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2019 KEY STATISTICAL INDICATORS

It was by common consent agreed that the February and March 2019 Key Indicators for the Office of Admissions/Committee of Bar Examiners be received and filed.

SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 21, 2019 COMMITTEE MEETING

It was by common consent agreed that the schedule for the June 21, 2019 Meeting, which will be held at the State Bar of California Offices in Los Angeles, California, be received and filed.

## **EXAMINATIONS**

### **2018 – 2019 EXAMINATIONS GOALS**

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the 2018 – 2019 Examinations goals be approved.

Moved by Brody, seconded by Villalobos.

## **OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT**

### **2018 – 2019 OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT GOALS**

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the 2018 – 2019 Operations and Management goals be approved.

Moved by Gongora, seconded by Heisinger.

## **EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS**

### **REPORT ON CAL NORTHERN SCHOOL OF LAW PERIODIC INSPECTION**

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the Periodic Inspection Report of Cal Northern School of Law conducted September 25-28, 2018 by State Bar Consultant Heather Georgakis, Kareem Gongora, Member of the Committee of Bar Examiners, and Jay Frykberg, Dean of University of West Los Angeles School of Law, be received and filed; that the response submitted by Sandra L. Brooks, Dean of Cal Northern School of Law, dated April 4, 2019 and submitted on behalf of the law school be received and filed; that the mandatory compliance recommendations made in the Report be adopted; that the law school be required to report to the Committee in its 2019 Annual Compliance Report all efforts to address each such recommendation; that the accreditation of Cal Northern be continued; and that the school's next periodic inspection be scheduled for the Fall of 2023, unless an earlier visitation is deemed necessary by the Committee.

Moved by Reyes, seconded by Brody.

### **REPORT ON SANTA BARBARA AND VENTURA COLLEGES OF LAW PERIODIC INSPECTION**

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the Periodic Inspection Report of the Santa Barbara and Ventura Colleges of Law (SBVCL) conducted on November 12-15, 2018 by the inspection team composed of Dolores Heisinger, Member of the Committee of Bar Examiners, Sandra Brooks, Dean of Cal Northern School of Law, and Sally A. Perring, State

Bar Consultant, be received and filed; that the response submitted by Jackie Gardina, Dean of the Santa Barbara and Ventura Colleges of Law, dated April 15, 2019 and submitted on behalf of the law school be received and filed; that the mandatory compliance recommendation made in the Report be adopted; and that the school's response to the recommendation be accepted in satisfaction of the recommendation; that the accreditation of the Santa Barbara and Ventura Colleges of Law be continued; and that its next periodic inspection be scheduled for the Fall of 2023, or sooner should the Committee so determine.

Moved by Brody, seconded by Reyes.

#### REPORT ON MONTEREY COLLEGE OF LAW PERIODIC INSPECTION

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the Periodic Inspection Report of Monterey College of Law conducted on September 4-6, 2018 by Andrea L. Lua, Dean of Pacific Coast University School of Law, Patricia Villalobos, Member of the Committee of Bar Examiners, and Greg S. Shin, Special Projects Liaison for The State Bar of California, and on September 17-18, 2018 by Eric Halvorson, Dean of Trinity Law School, Bethany Peak, Member of the Committee of Bar Examiners, and Greg S. Shin, be received and filed; that the compliance recommendations made in the Report be adopted; that the response submitted by Dean Mitch Winick on behalf of Monterey College of Law, dated April 10, 2019, be received and filed; that the law school be required to report to the Committee in its next Annual Compliance Report all efforts to address each such recommendation; that the accreditation of Monterey College of Law be continued; and that its next periodic inspection be scheduled for the Fall of 2023, unless an earlier visitation is deemed necessary by the Committee.

Moved by Brody, seconded by Villalobos.

#### NOTICE OF CHANGES IN LAW SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATORS

It was by common consent agreed that the notices from Abraham Lincoln University School of Law of the appointment of Lidby Lopez as Registrar; and from California Southern University School of Law of the appointment of Jacquie Caligiure as Registrar be received and filed.

#### 2018 – 2019 EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS GOALS

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the 2018 – 2019 Educational Standards goals be approved.

Moved by Brody, seconded by Heisinger.

## **MORAL CHARACTER**

### **2018 – 2019 MORAL CHARACTER GOALS**

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the 2018 – 2019 Moral Character goals be approved.

Moved by Brody, seconded by Peak.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Having concluded all the business scheduled for consideration during the open and closed sessions of the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 27, 2019.