



The State Bar *of California*

OPEN AGENDA

APRIL 2020

COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS ITEM O-101

DRAFT **OPEN MINUTES**

SPECIAL MEETING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM

THE COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS
OF
THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

April 10, 2020

An emergency and special conference call meeting of the Committee of Bar Examiners of The State Bar of California convened in open session at 12:05 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2020. Robert S. Brody, Chair, presiding. Officers and members present were: Robert S. Brody, Chair, Esther P. Lin, Vice-Chair, Angeli O. Agatep, M.D., James A. Bolton, Ph.D., Alex H. Chan, James H. Efting, Kareem Gongora, Dolores Heisinger, Michael A. Iseri, Larry Kaplan, Paul A. Kramer, Alexander C. Lawrence, Jr., Vincent Reyes, Judge Shelly B. Torrealba, David A. Torres, and Patricia M. Villalobos, Members. Member Bethany J. Peak was absent during the beginning of the open meeting and the closed meeting. State Bar staff members in attendance were: Donna Hershkowitz, Interim Executive Director/Chief of Programs; Amy C. Nuñez, Director III, Admissions; Audrey Ching, Assistant Director, 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; Caroline Holmes, Attorney II; Kenneth Holloway, Attorney III; Suzanne Grandt, Attorney IV; and Mark Broughton, Board of Trustees Member. The open meeting concluded at 12:20 p.m. The meeting went into closed meeting at 12:25 p.m. The closed meeting concluded at 3:00 p.m. The meeting went back into open meeting at 3:05 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

ACTION ON FINDING WITH THE 10-DAY NOTICE PROVISION

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that a motion in favor of finding that compliance with the 10-day notice provision would (1) impose a substantial hardship on the Committee or (2) immediate action is required to protect the public interest.

Moved by Iseri, seconded by Torres.

The motion passed. Roll call vote:

Agatep – yes
Bolton – yes
Chan – yes
Efting – yes
Gongora – yes
Heisinger – yes
Iseri – yes
Kaplan – yes
Kramer – yes
Lawrence – yes
Lin – yes
Reyes – yes
Torres – yes
Villalobos – yes

ACTION ON FINDING DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS CAUSED BY COVID-19

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that a motion to adopt the finding that, due to the rapidly-evolving public health crisis caused by COVID-19, and in order to protect the public's interest with respect to the Committee's role in ensuring that only those applicants that are appropriately certified for admission are licensed to practice law in this state, immediate action is required to protect the public interest.

Moved by Heisinger, seconded by Torres.

The motion passed. Roll call vote:

Agatep – yes
Bolton – yes
Chan – yes
Efting – yes
Gongora – yes
Heisinger – yes
Iseri – yes
Kaplan – yes
Kramer – yes
Lawrence – yes
Lin – yes
Reyes – yes
Torres – yes
Villalobos – yes

ACTION ON THE MARCH 30, 2020 COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS
EMERGENCY AND SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and duly carried, with changing the vote from Member Chan on

the passing-failing grade from “yes” to “no”, that the minutes taken during the public session of the meeting on March 30, 2020, be approved.

Moved by Torres, seconded by Reyes.

The motion passed. No roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Having concluded all the business scheduled for consideration during the open and closed sessions of the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m., Friday, April 10, 2020.