



# The State Bar of California

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**OPEN AGENDA  
SEPTEMBER 2020  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES – November 20, 2020**

Provisional Licensure Working Group  
The State Bar of California  
Zoom

Friday, November 20, 2020  
2:02 p.m.

**Time meeting commenced:** 2:02 p.m.

**Time meeting adjourned:** 4:46 p.m.

**Chair:** Hailyn Chen

**Committee Coordinator:** Ezra Angelus

**Members present:** Ruben Duran, Robert Barrett, Rupa Bhandari, Diane Boyer-Vine, Julie Crisp, Dolores Heisinger, Jennifer Henning, Paul Kramer, Larasz Moody-Villarose, Cindy Panuco, Phillip A. Talbert

**Members joined in progress:** Angela Sierra

**Members absent:** Terri Garland, Hon. James Herman, Carol Langford, Vern Pierson, Hon. Jesus Rodriguez, Tiffany Townend-Blacknell

**Public Comment:** The Provisional Licensure Working Group received 17 public comments and 41 written public comments about the proposed rule of court.

**Chair Report:** N/A

**Staff Report:** N/A

**Business:**

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the required number of satisfactorily completed hours of supervised legal practice in the Provisional Licensure Program shall be:

1. 360 hours of law practice for individuals who scored 1390 or higher on a California Bar Exam administered no earlier than July 2017
2. 480 hours of law practice for individuals who scored 1390 or higher on a California Bar Exam administered in July 2015 through and including February 2017

Moved by Boyer-Vine, seconded by Duran.

The motion passed. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Chen, Barrett, Bhandari, Boyer-Vine, Crisp, Duran, Heisinger, Henning, Moody-Villarose, Panuco, Sierra, Talbert

Nay: Kramer

Absent: Garland, Hon. Herman, Langford, Pierson, Hon. Rodriguez, Townend-Blacknell

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the required number of satisfactorily completed hours of supervision in the Provisional Licensure Program shall be:

1. 400 hours of law practice for individuals who scored 1390 or higher on a California Bar Exam administered no earlier than July 2017
2. 600 hours of law practice for individuals who scored 1390 or higher on a California Bar Exam administered in July 2015 through and including February 2017

Moved by Boyer-Vine, seconded by Duran.

The motion passed. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Chen, Barrett, Boyer-Vine, Crisp, Duran, Heisinger, Henning, Kramer, Sierra, Talbert

Nay: Bhandari, Moody-Villarose, Panuco

Absent: Garland, Hon. Herman, Langford, Pierson, Hon. Rodriguez, Townend-Blacknell

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that motions one and two both be submitted to the Board of Trustees for consideration.

Moved by Chen, seconded by Boyer-Vine.

The motion passed. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Chen, Barrett, Bhandari, Boyer-Vine, Crisp, Duran, Heisinger, Henning, Kramer, Moody-Villarose, Panuco, Sierra, Talbert

Absent: Garland, Hon. Herman, Langford, Pierson, Hon. Rodriguez, Townend-Blacknell

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that in order to qualify for the pathway to licensure, a complete Provisional Licensure application must be submitted by June 1, 2021, 2021 and proof of satisfaction of satisfaction submitted by June 1, 2022.

Moved by Duran, seconded by Barrett.

The motion passed. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Chen, Barrett, Bhandari, Boyer-Vine, Duran, Heisinger, Henning, Kramer, Moody-Villarose, Panuco, Sierra, Talbert

Absent: Crisp, Garland, Hon. Herman, Langford, Pierson, Hon. Rodriguez, Townend-Blacknell

It was moved, seconded and duly carried to revise Rule 9.49.1, subdivision (e) regarding termination from the program, to remove "complaint from a client during the period of supervision" and instead refer back to the termination provision, with the exception that a Provisional Licensure application will not be approved unless the complaint is resolved favorably.

Moved by Boyer-Vine, seconded by Kramer.

The motion passed. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Chen, Barrett, Bhandari, Boyer-Vine, Duran, Heisinger, Kramer, Panuco, Sierra, Talbert

Absent: Crisp, Garland, Henning, Hon. Herman, Langford, Moody-Villarose, Pierson, Hon. Rodriguez, Townend-Blacknell

It was moved, seconded and duly carried to revise Rule 9.49.1, subdivision (g) regarding the evaluation of the PLL by a Supervising Lawyer, to include "without supervision" to subdivision (1)(C).

Moved by Kramer, seconded by Barrett.

The motion passed. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Chen, Barrett, Boyer-Vine, Duran, Heisinger, Henning, Kramer, Panuco, Sierra, Talbert

Absent: Bhandari, Crisp, Garland, Hon. Herman, Langford, Moody-Villarose, Pierson, Hon. Rodriguez, Townend-Blacknell