



The State Bar *of California*

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

THE COMMITTEE OF STATE BAR ACCREDITED AND REGISTERED SCHOOLS (CSBARS) OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA TELECONFERENCE

December 2, 2020

A meeting of the State Bar of California's Committee of State Bar Accredited and Registered Schools (CSBARS) convened in open session at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 via Zoom teleconference, Chair Jackie Gardina presiding.

The open session portion of the meeting concluded at approximately 3:00 p.m., at which time the meeting adjourned, there being no closed session.

A. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Chair Jackie Gardina called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Michael Clancey, Jay Frykberg, Paul Kramer, Martin Pritikin, Greg Murphy, and Jessica Park.

Staff Present: Amy Nuñez, Audrey Ching, Natalie Leonard, Ken Holloway, and Grant Wekesser.

B. CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Gardina called for public comment in connection with each item as it was discussed. Members of the public were also invited to send written comments as soon as possible during or after the meeting to admissions@calbar.ca.gov or natalie.leonard@calbar.ca.gov.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the CSBARS meeting of October 14, 2020 re approved without amendment after a motion made by Jay Frykberg and seconded by Jessica Park. The minutes were then approved unanimously.

D. DISCUSSION

- A. Discussion regarding law schools' use of the Committee of Bar Examiners' general waiver allowing online class delivery through August 31, 2021

All fixed facility accredited and unaccredited law schools are teaching their classes online for this school year, with the exception of Pacific West Law School, which has suspended classes until further notice due to the pandemic. The State Bar and CSBARS members have received positive feedback regarding the technical and teaching success. Schools are encouraged to consider and plan ahead for the type of teaching that they plan for the 2021-2022 school year, while the Committee decides whether or not to extend the general waiver beyond August 31, 2022. Feedback from this meeting's discussion will be shared to help the Committee make its decision. The Committee provided one of the earliest and most flexible waivers offered in higher education in 2020 for the full 2020-2021 school year.

- B. Discussion of timeline for creation of guidelines for accredited law school rules

The proposal to replace the Accredited Law School Rules will be posted through February 15, 2021 on the State Bar's [public comment](#) page. When the posting is live, this will be announced via email to law school deans and via State Bar social media.

- C. Discussion of topics for Registrars' Meeting and Law School Assembly

Throughout the meeting, questions were captured for highlighting or further discussion at these upcoming Zoom meetings on December 9, 2020, particularly in the area of the provisional licensing program. The meetings will be held via videocall, rather than in person, for the first time.

D. STAFF REPORT

The staff report reviewed information about the provisional licensing program, the October and February bar examinations, and the November First-Year Law Students' Examination that is posted on the State Bar's website. Deans were also advised to keep their contact information updated with the State Bar in order to receive copies of the e-blasts sent to students, and to whitelist emails from the State Bar.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, January 27, 2020, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

End Open Session
No Closed Session

MEETING ADJOURNED