



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

January 27, 2021

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, January 27, 2021 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 was 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 Ashlie Koehn

B. CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Gardina called for public comment in connection with each item as it was discussed.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the CSBARS meeting of December 2, 2020 were approved without amendment after a motion made by Dean Jessica Park and seconded by Dean Michael Clancey. The minutes were then approved unanimously.

D. STAFF REPORT

The staff report reviewed the October 2020 and February 2021 bar exam updates and review of procedures related to Chapter 6 notices. The staff then presented updates regarding the November 2020 First-Year Law Students' Examination and the final implementation of allowance of four administrations to pass the First-Year Law Students Examination for specified students. The staff recapped the topics at Law School Assembly and Registrars' Meeting and announced that the next meetings would take place on September 28, 2021 and September 29, 2021, respectively. The staff announced the posting of Accredited Law School Rules for public comment through February 15, 2021. In recent developments, the law schools were reminded to complete their Diversity Surveys issued by the Office of Access & Inclusion, and that COVID blanket waiver reports were due February 15, 2021. The State Bar will also be auditing compliance with the web posting requirements for California Business & Professions Code 6061.7(a) soon.

E. DISCUSSION REGARDING GUIDELINES FOR ACCREDITED LAW SCHOOL RULES

The State Bar is seeking preliminary feedback from CSBARS prior to drafting proposed guidelines for the accredited law school rules. Several members of CSBARS were tasked with reviewing the various sections of 4.160, and feedback was also submitted related to both the accreditation process and the noncompliance process, doing so individually prior to the meeting in preparation for a discussion at CSBARS. CSBARS members discussed their submitted comment related to proposed 4.160 (A) and 4.160 (B). The remaining comment will be discussed at the next CSBARS meeting. CSBARS also discussed an interest in providing feedback regarding the annual report if changes are to be made in conjunction with any new rules, as well as clarity in the responsibility of jointly accredited schools under the new proposal versus law schools accredited exclusively by the Committee of Bar Examiners.

F. DISCUSSION REGARDING UPDATING LAW SCHOOL LIST TO INDICATE TEACHING METHODS OFFERED AT EACH ACCREDITED LAW SCHOOL

At the December Committee of Bar Examiners' Meeting, staff was informally requested to determine whether it was feasible and appropriate to post on the State Bar website the types of teaching modalities offered at each accredited law school. Unaccredited law schools must commit to a specific modality under the Business and Professions Code, and that commitment is listed. Accredited law schools may offer multiple modalities, and currently are teaching online due to COVID. General consensus from the CSBARS members indicated that such posting should not be considered during the pandemic, as it could create confusion since all schools are currently teaching online. It was also raised that the modalities may be offered differently at each school, and may require separate applications at some schools but not others. Staff will create a report to return to the Committee at a future date.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting moved to adjournment by Dean Pritikin and seconded by at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, March 24, 2020, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

End Open Session

No Closed Session

MEETING ADJOURNED