



# The State Bar of California

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## CALIFORNIA BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION OPEN MEETING MINUTES

**The State Bar of California  
180 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105  
Friday, March 5, 2021, 10:03 a.m.–11:26 a.m.**

A meeting of the California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLs) was convened on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 10:03 a.m. in open session with Chair Robert Hershenson presiding.

The following members of the CBLs were present: Jeffrey T. Hammerschmidt, Robert Hershenson, Mark A. Lester, Avi Levy, and Jake Yoon.

The following members of the CBLs were absent: Norma Acosta and Natalie Vance

The following State Bar staff members were present: Amy C. Nuñez, Director; Audrey Ching, Assistant Director; Kenneth Holloway, Attorney; Adrian Galang, Program Supervisor; Janelle Delacruz, Program Analyst; Janese Bodin, Program Specialist; Latrell Cabrigas, Program Specialist; and Ana Moreno, Program Specialist.

### **I. INFORMATION**

1. Chair Hershenson welcomed CBLs and staff.
2. Audrey Ching gave reports on the status of:
  - a. several pending State Bar activities, including updates in response to COVID-19 on:
    - the State Bar operations; and
    - updates to the June First Year Law Student's Examination and July California Bar Examination, provisional licensure; and
  - b. several legal specialization program key indicators, including updates on:
    - the Legal Specialization budget and staffing changes; and

- program participant compliance with the program requirements.
- 3. Ana Moreno gave a report on the 2021 Work Plan Initiatives set to go to the BOT meeting on March 18, 2021.
- 4. Adrian Galang gave reports on the status of:
  - a. the 2021 Legal Specialist Examination and format; and
  - b. the Legal Specialization Reserve Fund Spend Down Initiatives. The CBLS provided the following options for staff to research:
    - 2022 annual fee holiday;
    - marketing expenses;
    - refund for passing exam;
    - reduction of fees for specialists 70 and older; and
    - continued exam fee reduction.

## II. CONSENT

1. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the March 5, 2021 CBLS open meeting minutes was approved.

Moved by Lester, Seconded by Levy

Yes – Lester, Levy, Yoon

No – N/A

Abstain – Hershenson

Motion passes.

## III. ACTION

1. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the recommendation of staff regarding the recertification of certified specialists was approved.

Moved by Levy, Seconded by Lester

Yes – Hammerschmidt, Hershenson, Lester, Levy, Yoon

No – N/A

Abstain – N/A

Motion passes.

2. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the annual revocation of specialists who have not complied with the 2020 LSCLE reporting requirement was approved.

Moved by Levy, Seconded by Lester

Yes – Hammerschmidt, Hershenson, Lester, Levy, Yoon

No – N/A

Abstain – N/A

Motion passes.

3. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the annual revocation of specialists who have not complied with the 2020 LSCLE reporting requirement was denied.

Moved by Levy, Seconded by Lester

Yes – Hammerschmidt, Hershenson, Lester, Levy, Yoon

No – N/A

Abstain – N/A

Motion passes.

Seeing no other business, Chair Hershenson called the open session meeting to a close at 11:15 a.m. and the group convened into closed session.

At the conclusion of closed session, the group reconvened into open session, and the meeting was immediately adjourned at 11:26 a.m.