



# The State Bar *of California*

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## **OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

### **MEETING OF THE LAW SCHOOL COUNCIL THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA**

April 21, 2021

Via Zoom Conference Call

A meeting of the Law School Council of The State Bar of California convened in open session at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, Chair Susan Bakhshian presiding. The open session portion of the meeting concluded at approximately 11:30 a.m., at which time the meeting adjourned, there being no closed session.

#### **A. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Chair Susan Bakhshian; Nydia Dueñez, Christopher Ide-Don, Devin Kinyon, Donald Smythe

Members Absent: Jennifer Mnookin, Donald Scotten

#### **B. CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

A call for public comment was made. No public comment was received.

#### **C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 02, 2021**

Minutes of the Law School Council Meeting of December 2, 2021 were approved unanimously.

#### **D. STAFF REPORT**

1. Review of Best Practices for Completing State Bar of California Registration Card/Oath Cards for Attorney Licensure

Staff reviewed procedures and options for filling out registration cards/oath cards properly for group or individual swearing in ceremonies. Subsequent to the meeting, the State Bar launched a Virtual Oath Packet webpage to make this information available widely.

2. Review of Administrative Best Practices for Law Schools and Applicants Regarding Moral Character Determination Application Procedures

Staff reviewed several tips for filling out forms properly and was available to answer questions.

### 3. Review of Registration Process for Bar Strategies and Stories Program

The Bar Strategies and Stories Program helps bar exam applicants to maintain a productive mindset while studying for the bar exam. It will be offered again at no charge to applicants. Applicants may register while applying for the bar exam or by using any one of the customized email links sent to them after they register. Because this program was designed by an interdisciplinary team of professors and is offered as part of an academic study, the program data is transmitted only to the researchers who designed the program and will be interpreting the results. Results may be shared with the bar and with law schools at the Law School Assembly.

### 4. Report on State Bar Day Webinar for Law Students

Over 200 students from 29 law schools attended this webinar designed to acquaint them with the various departments at the State Bar of California.

### 5. Update on Provisional Licensure Program

Staff provided an update on this program, noting that it is proceeding smoothly as to both the original program and the expanded program offering a pathway to licensure for qualifying applicants who complete the requirements enumerated in California Rule of Court 9.49.1.

### 6. Report on Bar Exam Grader Recruitment and Training

Staff discussed the State Bar's grading practices over the past year, including recruiting graders from around the state, increasing the number of graders per question, and requiring all graders to take unconscious bias training prior to grading.

### 7. Planning for Fall Law School Assembly and Registrars' Meetings

Members were encouraged to suggest topics for the upcoming Annual Law School Assembly (September 28) and Registrars' Meeting (September 29).

### 8. Recent Developments

No recent developments were reported.

## E. ADJOURNMENT

The open session concluded at approximately 11:30 a.m. and the meeting adjourned, there being no closed session. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on August 18, 2021, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**End Open Session  
No Closed Session  
MEETING ADJOURNED**