



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

August 18, 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, August 18, 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, Greg Murphy, Jessica Park, Martin Pritikin

B. CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Gardina called for public comment.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the CSBARS meeting of June 16, 2021 were approved unanimously.

D. STAFF REPORT

1. Report on Implementation of Minimum, Cumulative Bar Examination Pass Rate for July 2021

The newly amended formula contained in Guideline 12.1 was used to calculate the MPR successfully. CSBARS provided feedback indicating that the certifications signed should be reviewed to reflect that the adjustments related to the Provisional Licensure Program are

provided to law schools numerically only. The State Bar agreed to make revisions regarding the form for reporting the 2022 MPR.

2. Report on Implementation of Accredited Law School Rules, effective January 1, 2022

CSBARS discussed the proposed rule amendments to port the recent amendments to the MPR Guideline 12.1 into the new rule 4.160(D)(6) for Accredited Law Schools

3. Review of Procedures Related to the Planned December 31, 2021 Termination of the General Waiver for Fixed Facility Law Schools to Teach Classes Online

While the Committee of Bar Examiners' general waiver to teach classes online is due to end on December 31, 2021, fixed facility law schools are invited to submit individual waivers to consider teaching some or all classes online. Law schools are asked to submit the waivers by October 1, 2021 in order to have them considered before waiver period expires.

4. Report on the National LGBT Bar's Campus Climate Survey

The LGBTQ+ Bar's Chief Programs Officer, Judi O'Kelley, attended to announce a special project to distribute its Campus Climate Survey not only to ABA approved law schools, but also to registered and unaccredited law schools in fall 2021 for fall 2022 publication. Law schools were also invited to contact the organization regarding affiliating their campus groups, or to suggest opportunities to collaborate regarding the organization's 2022 Lavender Law Conference and Career Fair taking place on July 27-29, 2022 in Los Angeles.

5. Update by California Lawyers' Association Regarding Networking Opportunities for Law Students, JD Graduates, and Provisionally Licensed Lawyers

The California Lawyers Association is offering free membership to those seeking a provisional license and to provisionally licensed lawyers. Members can participate in a forum to network with those seeking employment opportunities in order to apply for provisional licensure, or to network with other provisionally licensed lawyers.

6. Report on Fall 2021 Law School Assembly and Registrars' Meetings

Proposed topics for the Fall 2021 Law School Assembly and Registrars' Meetings were discussed. Law schools have also been invited to submit topics and will be further invited to do so when the invitation is issued shortly after this meeting.

7. Update on Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of the Bar Exam

The Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of the Bar Exam has begun to meet. The public can find out more about the Commission on the State Bar's website and sign up for alerts to view its public meetings or their recordings.

**E. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION REGARDING FEEDBACK ON GUIDELINES FOR
ACCREDITED LAW SCHOOL RULES**

At its June meeting, CSBARS completed its review of the feedback from its own members as well as public comment received in order to create a tentative list of recommended guidelines for the Rules for Accredited Law Schools. No further public comment was received, and no further revisions were proposed. CSBARS discussed it along with the staff proposal. Members Frykberg and Pritikin will attend the Committee of Bar Examiners' meeting to where there will be an initial discussion the guideline proposal later this week.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting moved to adjournment at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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