



# 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, September 10, 2021, 10:02 a.m.–11:40 a.m.**

A meeting of the California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLS) was convened on Friday, June 4, 2021 at 10:02 a.m. in open session with Chair Robert Hershenson presiding.

The following members of the CBLS were present: Norma Acosta, Jeffrey T. Hammerschmidt, Mark A. Lester, Avi Levy, Natalie Vance and Jake Yoon.

The following members of the CBLS were absent: n/a.

The following State Bar staff members were present: Amy C. Nuñez, Director; Audrey Ching, Assistant Director; Lisa Cummins, Program Manager; Jean Krasilnikoff, 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 Robert 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; 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 an update on various 2021 Work Plan Initiatives.
- 4. Adrian Galang gave reports on the status of:
  - a. the 2021-2022 CBLS appointments; and
  - b. the review of Letter and application for Proposed New Specialty Application.
- 5. Latrell Cabrigas gave a report on the initial certification application statuses.
- 6. Janese Bodin gave a report on the 2021 Legal Specialist Examination Registrations.

## II. **CONSENT**

1. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the June 4, 2021 CBLS open meeting minutes was approved.

Moved by Lester, Seconded by Vance

Yes – Acosta, Hammerschmidt, Hershenson, Levy

No – N/A

Motion passes.

2. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the July 16, 2021 CBLS open meeting minutes was approved.

Moved by Vance, Seconded by Hammerschmidt

Yes – Acosta, Hershenson

No – N/A

Abstain – Lester, Levy, Yoon

Motion passes.

### III. ACTION

1. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the recommendation of staff regarding revocation for failure to recertify of certified specialists was approved.

Moved by Vance, Seconded by Lester

Yes – Acosta, Hammerschmidt, Hershenson, Levy, Yoon

No – N/A

Abstain – N/A

Motion passes.

2. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the updated recommendation of staff regarding the revocation for failure to pay the annual fee of certified specialists who are not in Active status was approved.

Moved by Lester, Seconded by Acosta

Yes – Hammerschmidt, Hershenson, Levy, Vance, Yoon

No – N/A

Abstain – N/A

Motion passes.

3. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the updated recommendation of staff to continue revocation for failure to report 2021 LSCLE compliance to the next CBLS meeting was approved.

Moved by Lester, Seconded by Vance

Yes – Acosta, Hershenson, Levy, Yoon

No – N/A

4. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the recommendation of (1) a State Bar privacy law specialization be further explored; and (2) staff begin work on a proposal to the Board of Trustees for creation of a Privacy Law Consulting Group was approved.

Moved by Vance, Seconded by Lester

Yes – Acosta, Hammerschmidt, Hershenson, 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 11:14 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 11:40 a.m.