



The State Bar *of California*

OPEN AGENDA MAY 2022 FULL COMMITTEE MEETING

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION

FULL COMMITTEE MEETING

OF

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

April 6, 2022

Zoom Meeting
State Bar of California Offices

A zoom meeting of the Full Committee of the Blue Ribbon Commission of the State Bar of California convened in open session at 9:04 a.m., Wednesday, April 6, 2022, Chair Josh Perttula presiding. Members present were: Chair Josh Perttula, David Boyd, Alex H. Chan, Jackie Gardina, Ryan Harrison, Jeremy M. Evans, Dr. James Henderson, Dr. Tracy Montez, Judge Reiser, Natalie Rodriguez, Kristin Rosi, Emily L. Scivoletto, Karen Silverman, Mai Lin Spencer and Amy Williams. Member, Esther Lin arrived late. The meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

It was moved, seconded, and duly carried that the following motion taken during the public session of the meeting on April 6, 2022, be approved.

In pursuing the use of a CA-specific exam reflecting CAPA recommendations, it is recommended that the following eight legal topics be adopted for a new bar exam content outline: Administrative Law and Procedure, Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, and Torts.

It was moved, seconded, and duly carried that the following motion taken during the public session of the meeting on April 6, 2022, be approved.

It is further recommended that CAPA's recommendations on skills are incorporated in the new exam:

- Drafting and Writing;
- Research and Investigation;
- Issue-spotting and Fact-gathering;
- Counsel/Advice;
- Litigation;
- Communication and Client Relationship;
- Negotiation and Dispute Resolution.

Moved by Montez, seconded by Evans.

The motion passed. Roll call vote:

Bakhshian - yes

Boyd – yes

Chan – no

Evans – yes

Gardina - yes

Henderson - yes

Lin-yes

Montez – yes

Reiser - yes

Rodriguez – yes

Rosi-yes

Scivoletto – yes

Silverman – yes

Spencer - yes

It was moved, seconded, and duly carried that the following motion taken during the public session of the meeting on April 6, 2022, be approved.

It is recommended that in developing the exam, there should be a significantly increased focus on assessment of skills along with the application of knowledge and performance of associated skills for entry-level practice, deemphasizing the need for memorization of doctrinal law. The precise weight of content knowledge versus skills should be determined after the development of the exam.

The Commission further recommends transparency on topics and rules to be tested, including the extent to which candidates are expected to recall such topics and rules or possess familiarity with such topics and rules.

Moved by Montez, seconded by Scivoletto.

The motion passed. Roll call vote:

Bakhshian - yes

Boyd – yes

Evans – yes
Gardina - yes
Montez – yes
Reiser - yes
Scivoletto – yes
Spencer - yes
Henderson - yes
Lin - yes