



The State Bar of California

Regular Meeting of the California Board of Legal Specialization
Teleconference
Open Session Minutes
Friday, March 18, 2022
2:32 p.m.–3:53 p.m.

Time meeting Commenced: The California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLS) meeting commenced at 2:32 p.m. The CBLS moved to closed session at 3:44 p.m. The CBLS returned to open session at 3:52 p.m.

Time meeting Adjourned: 3:53 p.m.

Chair: Mark A. Lester

Secretary: Adrian Galang

Members Present: Norma Acosta, Jeffrey T. Hammerschmidt, Michael Lee, Natalie Vance, and Jake Yoon

Members Absent: Avi Levy

State Bar Staff Present: Donna Hershkowitz, Chief Program Officer; Amy C. Nuñez, Director; Audrey Ching, Assistant Director; Lisa Cummins, Program Manager; Jean Krasilnikoff, Assistant General Counsel; Adrian Galang, Program Supervisor; Janelle Delacruz, Program Analyst; Janese Bodin, Program Specialist; Latrell Cabrigas, Program Specialist; and Ana Moreno, Program Specialist

OPEN SESSION

I. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Roll Call

The CBLS meeting was called to order by Chair Lester. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

B. Public Comment

Chair Lester called for public comment, inquiring as to whether any individuals wanted to comment on any agenda item. There were no members of the public who wished to speak on any agenda item.

II. CONSENT

A. Approval of December 17, 2021 California Board of Legal Specialization Public Meeting Minutes

Moved by Vance, Seconded by Acosta

Ayes – (4) Acosta, Hammerschmidt, Lester, Vance

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (2) Lee, Yoon

Absent – (1) Levy

Motion passes.

III. STAFF REPORTS

A. Update on 2021-2022 CBLS Appointments

Adrian Galang provided an oral report.

B. Update on 2022 CBLS Work Plan

Ana Moreno provided an oral report.

C. 2023 Legal Specialization Budget Reserve Spend Down Initiatives

Adrian Galang provided an oral report.

D. Recent Developments

Audrey Ching provided an oral report.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Review of Report on Financial and Operational Key Indicators

Audrey Ching provided an oral report synthesizing and supplementing the written report posted with the agenda.

B. Review of Report on Initial Certification Application Statuses

Latrell Cabrigas provided an oral report synthesizing and supplementing the written report posted with the agenda.

C. Review of Report on Administration of the 2021 Legal Specialist Examination

Janese Bodin provided an oral report.

D. Approval of Certification Revocations for Failure to Recertify

Upon motion made and seconded, the recommendation of staff that the certification records of those certified specialists listed in Attachment A are closed, and these specialists be sent notice (by email and physical letter) that their certificate of

specialization is revoked if their recertification is not received within 30 days of the letter, was approved.

Moved by Vance, Seconded by Acosta

Ayes – (6) Acosta, Hammerschmidt, Lee, Lester, Vance, Yoon

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (0)

Absent – (1) Levy

Motion passes.

E. Approval of Annual Certification Revocations for Failure to Report Group 2 2021 Legal Specialist Continuing Legal Education Compliance

Upon motion made and seconded, the recommendation of staff that the certification records of those certified specialists listed in Attachment A are closed, and these specialists be sent notice (by email and physical letter) that their certificate of specialization is revoked if their LSCLE compliance is not received within 30 days of the letter, was approved.

Moved by Vance, Seconded by Acosta

Ayes – (6) Acosta, Hammerschmidt, Lee, Lester, Vance, Yoon

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (0)

Absent – (1) Levy

Motion passes.

F. Approval of Annual Fee Waiver for Specialist Enrolled in State Bar Pro Bono Practice Program

Upon motion made and seconded, the recommendation of staff that the California Board of Legal Specialization grant a waiver of the Legal Specialization Program Annual Fee for each specialist enrolled in the Pro Bono Practice Program, and continuing that waiver as long as the specialist remains enrolled in the program, was approved.

Moved by Acosta, Seconded by Vance

Ayes – (6) Acosta, Hammerschmidt, Lee, Lester, Vance, Yoon

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (0)

Absent – (1) Levy

Motion passes.

G. Update on Procedure to Review Legal Specialist Examination Notice of Violation of Examination Rules or Policies Appeals

Adrian Galang provided an oral report.

Seeing no other business, Chair Lester recessed the open session meeting at 3:28 p.m. so that CBLS could move to closed session

CLOSED SESSION

I. CONSENT

A. Approval of December 17, 2021 California Board of Legal Specialization Closed Meeting Minutes

**Closed pursuant to Government Code § 11126.1.*

II. BUSINESS

A. Review of Report on Legal Specialist Examination Development

**Closed pursuant to Business & Professions Code § 6026.7(c)(2).*

B. Progress Update on Legal Specialist Examination Question Item Banking System Planning

**Closed pursuant to Business & Professions Code § 6026.7(c)(2).*

OPEN SESSION

The CBLS reconvened into open session at 3:52 p.m. and reported that there is no action to report from closed session.

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