



# The State Bar of California

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## Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of the California Bar Exam Teleconference

Open Session Minutes  
Tuesday, July 19, 2022  
10:00 a.m.–1:39 p.m.

**Time Meeting Commenced:** The Blue Ribbon Commission meeting commenced in open session at 10:00 a.m.

**Time Meeting Adjourned:** 1:39 p.m.

**Chair:** Joshua Perttula

**Committee Coordinator:** Devan McFarland

**Members Present:** Chair Joshua Perttula, Susan Bakhshian, David Boyd, Alex Chan, Charles Duggan, Jeremy M. Evans, Jackie Gardina, Tracy Montez, Judge Glen Reiser, Emily L. Scivoletto, Karen Silverman, Mai Linh Spencer, and Amy Williams.

**Members Absent:** Ryan Harrison, Dr. James Henderson, Esther Lin, Natalie Rodriguez, and Kristin L. Rosi.

### OPEN SESSION

#### Call to Order

The Blue Ribbon Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Joshua Perttula.

#### Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

#### I. Chair's Time

##### A. Call for Public Comment

Chair Perttula called for public comment, inquiring as to whether there were person(s) who wished to comment on any agenda item. The following comments were provided to the commission:

1. Jules Sarkar, representative for attorney applicants against the unlawful practice of the State Bar of California and the NCBE:
  - Jules Sarkar thanked the commission for its efforts in reforming the attorney admission system in the name of fairness and equity. Jules Sarkar requests to specifically include a recommendation in the final report to the Supreme Court for the State Bar to immediately end all relations with the NCBE and all use of their exams. Jules Sarkar states

that the current NCBE examinations are in clear favor of diploma privileged attorneys and do not measure attorney competence in protecting the public.

**B. Approval of Open Session Minutes: June 9, 2022**

*Moved by Scivoletto, seconded by Reiser*

*Ayes – (12) Perttula, Bakhshian, Boyd, Chan, Evans, Gardina, Montez, Reiser, Scivoletto, Silverman, Spencer, Williams*

*Noes – (0)*

*Abstain – (0)*

*Absent – (6) Duggan, Harrison, Henderson, Lin, Rodriguez, Rosi*

*Minutes adopted.*

**II. Business**

**A. Discussion and Recommendation for a California Non-Exam Pathway to Licensure Framework**

Blue Ribbon Commission members were asked to vote on their top preferences of the different pathways to licensure options presented during the meeting. The votes below reflect the tallies collected during the session.

- Option A: 10 votes
- Option B: 8 votes
- Option C: 2 votes
- Option D: 0 votes
- Option E: 7 votes
- Option F: 0 votes
- Option G: 4 Votes

The Blue Ribbon Commission discussed different pathways to licensure and the following options: [A, B, and E.](#)

**B. Discussion and Recommendation of Pathways to Licensure for Out-of-State Law School Applicants, Out-of-State Attorneys, Foreign Attorneys and Foreign-Educated Applicants**

Items carried over to the next meeting.

**C. Next Steps**

**ADJOURN**