



The State Bar of California

California Board of Legal Specialization Teleconference

Open Session Minutes
Friday, June 10, 2022
10:07 a.m.–12:24 p.m.

Time Meeting Commenced: The California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLS) meeting commenced at 10:07 a.m. The CBLS moved to closed session at 10:58 a.m. The CBLS returned to open session at 12:23 p.m.

Time Meeting Adjourned: 12:24 p.m.

Chair: Mark A. Lester

Committee Coordinator: Adrian Galang

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

Members Absent: Avi Levy and Jake Yoon

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 there were person(s) who wished 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 March 18, 2022 California Board of Legal Specialization Public Meeting Minutes

Moved by Lee, Seconded by Vance

Ayes – (5) Acosta, Hammerschmidt, Lee, Lester, Vance

Noes – (0)
Abstain – (0)
Absent – (2) Levy, Yoon

Motion carries.

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. Approval of Certification Revocations for Failure to Recertify

RESOLVED, that the CBLS approves that the certification records of those certified specialists listed in Attachment A are closed for failure to recertify, and these specialists be sent notice (by email and physical letter) that their certificate of specialization is revoked if their application for recertification and processing fee is not received within 30 days of the letter.

Moved by Vance, Seconded by Acosta

Ayes – (5) Acosta, Hammerschmidt, Lee, Lester, Vance
Noes – (0)
Abstain – (0)
Absent – (2) Levy, Yoon

Motion carries.

D. Approval of 2021 Annual Report of the California Board of Legal Specialization
RESOLVED, that the CBLS approves that the 2021 Annual Report of the California Board of Legal Specialization is approved for receipt and filing.

Moved by Vance, Seconded by Hammerschmidt

Ayes – (5) Acosta, Hammerschmidt, Lee, Lester, Vance

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (0)

Absent – (2) Levy, Yoon

Motion carries.

Chair Lester announced the end of open session items and the CBLS will move into closed session to discuss those agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION*

I. CONSENT

A. Approval of March 18, 2022 California Board of Legal Specialization Closed Meeting Minutes

**Closed pursuant to Government Code § 11126.1.*

II. BUSINESS

A. Review of Technical Report Regarding 2021 Legal Specialist Examination Grading

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

B. Review of Report on Legal Specialist Examination Development

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

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

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

D. Review and Action on Pending Legal Specialist Examination Notice of Violation Appeals

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

OPEN SESSION

The CBLS returned to open session and reported that there is no action to report from closed session. No further discussion took place in open session.

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