



The State Bar of California

Committee of State Bar Accredited and Registered Schools Teleconference

Open Session Minutes
Thursday, January 25, 2023
1:00 p.m.–2:23 p.m.

Time Meeting Commenced: The CSBARS meeting commenced in open session at 1:00 p.m.
Time Meeting Adjourned: 2:23 p.m.
Chair: Linda Keller
Committee Coordinator: Natalie Leonard
Members Present: Michael Clancey, Linda Keller, George Leal, Kevin Marshall, Jessica Park, Don Wilcoxson

OPEN SESSION

ROLL CALL

CSBARS was called to order by Chair Keller. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Keller called for public comment, inquiring as to whether there were person(s) who wished to comment on any agenda item. The Chair noted that one person signed up to give verbal public comment but did not leave a name or handle and the Chair invited that person to identify themselves and speak. The public was reminded to send written public comment intended for CSBARS to csbars@calbar.ca.gov. Public members can also sign up to speak during public comment by using the link at the top of each agenda page. Two public comments were received:

Todd Hill: They indicated that they would like more than two minutes to make verbal public comment, and that they would like not like a time warning near the end of their comment, as they found it disruptive. They indicated that they believed they had signed up on the public comment form, and thought this was helpful to leave a record. They stated that they were disappointed with CSBARS, and asked CSBARS to address what they described as their issues and said they would move forward regardless. They indicated that they submitted public comment to CSBARS, but none had been received at that point.

Rev. Frank: They would like investigations of State Bar staff to be directed to intake in the judiciary branch.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 30, 2022 CSBARS MEETING

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the November 30, 2022 CSBARS meeting be approved.

Moved by Clancey, seconded by Park.

Aye – (5) Clancey, Keller, Leal, Marshall, Park

No – (0)

Abstain – (1) Wilcoxson

Absent – (0)

Motion carries.

II. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on their visit to speak at the Committee of Bar Examiners' planning session that took place on December 2, 2022. One topic discussed was the planned review of Unaccredited Law School Rules. Both CBE and the Chair urged both members of CSBARS and members of the public to send in suggestions to staff (CSBARS members) and csbars@calbar.ca.gov (public members) as soon as possible to assist in guiding the initial review. Member Leal asked for clarification of the purpose and role of CSBARS to be added to a future agenda and was directed to the charge of CSBARS adopted by the Board of Trustees in January 2019.

III. STAFF REPORT

- A. Provisional Licensure Program Extension: The Supreme Court has extended the time period for eligible law school graduates to complete their requirements under both the original and expanded Provisional Licensure Programs. The State Bar has notified eligible graduates.
- B. Bar Exam Features Study: This program explores potential new formats for the bar exam, and a schedule for testing is being developed. Law schools will be advised as information becomes available.
- C. Recent Developments
 - 1. Nearly all law schools have returned their annual reports. The Committee has been notified as to law schools that have not submitted their reports.
 - 2. Law schools may be contacted related to questions about data entry in the spreadsheets included with annual reports. Law schools are requested to respond promptly.
 - 3. The State Bar will begin its annual review of law school disclosures. The 2023 B&P 6067.1(a) disclosure should now be posted on each law school page's website.

IV. FURTHER DISCUSSION OF BEST PRACTICES FOR PRESERVATION OF STUDENT RECORDS WHEN A LAW SCHOOL CLOSES

CSBARS members who have already been working on this topic recapped prior research to help orient new members. CSBARS reviewed the previously identified five areas for further research regarding presentation of student transcripts. CSBARS also suggested a future topic for possible consideration regarding the scope of overall records retention; this topic will be transmitted to the Committee of Bar Examiners Educational Standards team working on the rules review. As for the five topics identified below, staff will follow up to assess member interest in each topic before the chair assigns follow up.

1. How are other groups handling this? (BPPE, Regional and Institutional Accreditors)
2. Are escrow options a possibility, like LSAC/LSDAS?
3. What are the unique challenges when the school is a stand-alone school unconnected to a university that will continue to operate?
4. What is the most efficient way for law schools to track and require student registration within 90 days of enrolling?
5. Is it feasible for the law schools to share copies of ongoing student records with the State Bar on an ongoing basis?

V. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESOLVED, that the January 25, 2023 CSBARS meeting be adjourned.

Moved by Park, seconded by Lea.

Aye – (6) Clancey, Keller, Leal, Marshall, Park, Leal

No – (0)

Abstain – (0) Wilcoxson

Absent – (0)

Motion carries.

MEETING ADJOURNED