



The State Bar *of California*

Law School Council Teleconference

Open Session Minutes
Wednesday, August 17, 2022
9:33 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Time Meeting Commenced:	The Law School Council meeting commenced in open session at 9:33 a.m. There was no closed session.
Time Meeting Adjourned:	11:30 a.m.
Chair:	Devin Kinyon
Committee Coordinator:	Natalie Leonard
Members Present:	Susan Bakhshian, Nydia Dueñez, Grace Hum, Mary-Beth Moylan, Donald Smythe
Members Absent:	Christopher Ide-Don

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order

The Law School Council was called to order by Chair Kinyon.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established with six members in attendance at the start of the meeting and Grace Hum joining at 10:00 a.m.

3. Call for Public Comment

Chair Kinyon 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.

4. Approval of Minutes

1. Open Session Minutes: April 20, 2022

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Law School Council approves the minutes as posted on the agenda.

Ayes – (4) Bakhshian, Dueñez, Kinyon, Hum, Smythe

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (1) Moylan

Absent – (1) Hum (absent at time of vote), Ide-Don

Motion carries.

5. Report of the Chair

Chair Kinyon welcomed new member Mary-Beth Moylan, completing the term vacated by Jennifer Mnookin upon her departure to the University of Wisconsin.

6. Staff Report

1. July 2022 Bar Exam: Staff provided statistics as to the July 2022 bar examination and its return to in person administration.
2. Provisional Licensure Program: Staff provided an update as to the number of participants in the program, as well as those who have become State Bar licensees.
3. Recommendation to Eliminate Five-Year Timeline for Validity of Passing Bar Exam Score: Staff provided an overview of this proposed rule change, and invited the public to submit public comment by the deadline of September 12, 2022 on the State Bar's public comment webpage for Rule Revisions.
4. Lawyer Assistance Program: Staff advised that law schools may schedule custom online or in-person presentations regarding the Lawyer Assistance Program resources that are available to law students and applicants. Schedule a presentation by contacting lita.abella@calbar.ca.gov. Access online resources and flyers on the [LAP](#) portion of the State Bar's website.
5. Recent Developments
 1. Member Susan Bakhshian provided an update on the progress of the Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of the Bar Exam.
 2. eOath Card Tups: Law Schools conducting admissions ceremonies and collecting oath card to send in to the State Bar for students should be sure to send in individual PDF's for each new admittee or to print out the cards and send via mail.

CONSENT CALENDAR

7. No consent calendar.

REGULAR CALENDAR

1. UPDATE FROM THE [CALIFORNIA ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION](#) REGARDING LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

1. The Commission identified several opportunities for law students and law schools:
 - a. The Participation of Law School Administrators as Commission Members
 - b. The possibility to collaborate with law schools to create research internships
 - c. Resources to better understand how a law school can create a loan repayment assistance program

2. REVIEW OF PROPOSED WORDING CHANGE TO APPLICANT PORTAL REGARDING STATUS OF RECEIPT OF APPLICANT CERTIFICATION FROM LAW SCHOOLS

1. Staff discussed ways to continue to improve the process of having law schools certify applicants' eligibility to take the bar exam or the First-Year Law Students' Examination as follows:
 - a. State Bar Actions
 - i. Updated Acknowledgement Letter to applicants to clarify that the law school is the only party that can certify the applicant and listing timing
 - ii. Exploring whether the certification process can be notated in the applicant portal to contain an informational tool tip with the process above
 - b. Law School Recommended Actions
 - i. Be sure to begin returning certification each week as soon as they are sent starting six weeks prior to a State Bar exam
 - ii. Calendar that Missing Document letters go out to applicants two weeks prior to exams, so transcripts should be sent at least three to four weeks before exams

3. REVIEW OF AGENDAS FOR THE LAW SCHOOL ASSEMBLY (SEPT. 29) AND REGISTRARS' MEETING (SEPT. 20)

1. Members of the Law School Council and the public are invited to submit topics for the Law School Assembly, as soon as possible. The Committee used an informal show of hands to express support for the proposed agenda, and asked for continued updates regarding how to utilize the process for requesting testing accommodations.

No Closed Session Agenda

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