



The State Bar of California

Audit Committee Teleconference

Open Session Minutes
Friday, April 28, 2023
2:02 p.m.–3:05 p.m.

Time Meeting Commenced: The Audit Committee meeting commenced in open session at 2:02 p.m.
Time Meeting Adjourned: 3:05 p.m.
Chair: Melanie Shelby
Committee Coordinator: Justin Ewert
Members Present: Mark Broughton, Hailyn Chen, Gregory Knoll, Melanie Shelby, Mark Toney
Members Absent: None

OPEN SESSION

ROLL CALL

The Audit Committee was called to order by Chair Shelby. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

1. Justin S. Beck
 - Justin Beck addressed the committee on the draft financial statements and took issue with the audit not reporting on pending cases filed against the State Bar.
2. Micheal Sternberg
 - Michael Sternberg addressed the committee on his concern that the State Bar does not process complaints properly and the website file size limitations that hinder the submission of evidence. They stated their case was closed for lack of evidence, but felt this was improper due to the inability of the State Bar to receive his evidence. They will submit a letter to staff and the Board of Trustees going over the chronology of his case.

3. Chris Black

- Chris Black addressed the committee on their concerns that the State Bar does nothing to prosecute attorneys. They stated that attorneys have gotten away with hurting the public without prosecution.

4. John Prine

- John Prine addressed the committee on their concerns that the State Bar has failed to regulate attorneys properly. They stated that some attorneys should be investigated thoroughly and held accountable for their actions.

I. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Shelby provided an oral report.

II. BUSINESS

A. Annual Financial Statement Audit Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 6145(a) Including Legal Services Trust Fund Report under Business and Professions Code Section 6222: (1) Presentation by Independent Auditors Macias Gini & O'Connell, (2) Review of Financial Statements and (3) Authorization for Submission by Staff to the Legislature and Supreme Court

Presenters: Aracely Montoya-Chico, Chief Financial Officer
David Bullock, Partner, Macias, Gini & O'Connell

RESOLVED, that the Audit Committee receives, reviews, and authorizes staff to file the State Bar's audited financial statements and related auditor's reports for the year ended December 31, 2022, with the Board of Trustees, the State Legislature and the Supreme Court by April 30, 2023.

Note: Trustee Knoll recused himself on any decision with respect to the parts of the audit that include the Legal Services Trust Fund due to a personal financial interest.

Moved by Toney, seconded by Chen

Ayes – (5) Broughton, Chen, Knoll, Shelby, Toney

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (0)

Absent – (0)

Motion carries.

ADJOURN