



The State Bar of California

Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees Zoom

Open Session Minutes
Monday, June 12, 2023
12:03 p.m.–1:17 p.m.

Time meeting Commenced: The special meeting of the Board of Trustees commenced in open session at 12:03 p.m.

Time meeting Adjourned: 1:17 p.m.

Chair: Ruben Duran

Board Secretary: Louisa Ayrapetyan

Members Present: Mark Broughton, Raymond Buenaventura, Hailyn Chen, José Cisneros, Ruben Duran, Gregory Knoll, Melanie Shelby, Arnold Sowell Jr., Brandon Stallings, Mark Toney

Members Absent: Sarah Good

Staff Present: Ellin Davtyan, Leah Wilson

OPEN SESSION

ROLL CALL

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Chair Duran. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Duran 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 Board:

1. Neil Steiner:
Neil Steiner addressed the Board regarding concerns with rule 2.30(b) which prohibits inactive licensees of the State Bar from being mediators or arbitrators in the State of California.
2. Benjamin Kohn:
Benjamin Kohn addressed the Board regarding concerns with the perception that staff are engaging in gamesmanship as to what the Board of Trustees, the Committee of Bar Examiners, and other bodies consider.

50 CONSENT

50-1 Approval of Specified Contracts Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 6008.6

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves execution of the contracts listed herein.

50-2 Technical Correction to May 2023 Board Agenda Item 705 Resolution Regarding Moral Character Rules

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees revises the resolution adopted on May 19, 2023, as part of Agenda Item 705, related to the moral character rules to add the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees directs staff, consistent with the requirements of rule 9.5 of the California Rules of Court, to submit the proposed moral character rule changes to the Supreme Court for review and approval with the intent that the rules have an effective date sixty days after approval by the Supreme Court, and not on July 1, 2023.

Consent calendar moved by Stallings, seconded by Knoll

Ayes – (10) Broughton, Buenaventura, Chen, Cisneros, Duran, Knoll, Shelby, Sowell, Stallings, Toney

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (0)

Absent – (1) Good

Motion carries.

700 MISCELLANEOUS

701 Discussion of Next Steps and Potential Action Related to 2024 Fee Bill

Presenter: Donna Hershkowitz, Chief of Programs/Legislative Director

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes staff to advocate for an increase of up to \$107 in the active licensee fee, with a proportionate increase in inactive fees; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that following feedback from legislative stakeholders, the Board authorizes the Board chair and the chair of the Finance Committee to identify the precise amount of the fee increase sought; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board adopts as a legislative priority pursuit of statutory amendments to provide the State Bar flexibility in the use of the net proceeds from the sale of 180 Howard Street.

Moved by Knoll, seconded by Shelby

Ayes – (10) Broughton, Buenaventura, Chen, Cisneros, Duran, Knoll, Shelby, Sowell, Stallings, Toney

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (0)

Absent – (1) Good

Motion carries.

ADJOURN