



The State Bar of California

Committee of State Bar Accredited and Registered Schools Teleconference

Open Session Minutes
Thursday, May 4, 2023
1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

Time Meeting Commenced: The Committee on State Bar Accredited and Registered Schools meeting commenced in open session at 1:00 p.m.

Time Meeting Adjourned: 3:00 p.m.

Chair: Nydia Dueñez

Committee Coordinator: Natalie Leonard

Members Present: Susan Bakhshian, Mary Basick, Grace Hum, Christopher Ide-Don, Devin Kinyon, Mary-Beth Moylan

OPEN SESSION

ROLL CALL

The Law School Council was called to order by Chair Dueñez. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Dueñez called for public comment, inquiring as to whether there were person(s) who wished to comment on any agenda item. No written or verbal public comment was received.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 17, 2022 Law School Council Meeting

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the August 17, 2022 Law School Council meeting be approved.

Moved by Kinyon, seconded by Moylan.

Aye – (6) Bakhshian, Hum, Kinyon, Moylan, Dueñez

No – (0)

Abstain – (2) Basick, Ide-Don

Motion carries.

II. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair welcomed new and reappointed members Basick and Moylan and thanked member Hum for their service, as they will be departing after this meeting.

III. STAFF REPORT

- A. Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of the Bar Exam: Commission Member Susan Bakhshian reported on the latest meeting of the Commission in which public comment was discussed and the plans were finalized for the Committee's report to be released later in May, 2023
- B. Admissions and Educational Standards Rules and Fees Posted for Public Comment: Members of State Bar Admissions and Finance advised the location of the fee proposal and advised that public comment will be accepted through the public comment web page through May 15, 2023.
- C. Application Period open through June 30, 2023 for Law School Council: Applications are being taken for new members to serve on the Law School Council; find them at the link on the Law School Council web page.
- D. Public Trust Liaison: The State Bar Public Trust Liaison, Enrique Zuñiga, visited to introduce his office and the services it offers to the public. Law schools were advised that the office will produce a report annual for presentation to the Board of Trustees.
- E. Recent Developments
 - a. Law schools were asked to remind their graduates of the option to sign up for the Bar Strategies and Stories program if they are taking the July 2023 bar exam. While this program was temporarily unavailable for the February 2023 bar exam, it is available again and will be offered at no charge for those taking the July 2023 exam. Applicants may sign up at the time of registration or via email reminders containing the applicant's custom invitation link.
 - b. Law Schools were reminded that certain deadlines related to the Provisional Licensure Program had been extended, and those who would like to learn more should review the Provisional Licensure Page on the State Bar's web site for more information.

IV. Discussion of Potential Topics for Law School Meetings

The Law School Council discussed potential topics for future law school meetings. Key areas of interest including the following: tips to assist with the testing accommodations process (applying early, understanding the process, understanding the timeline for the rules revision); questions regarding the moral character application (disclosure on law school applications versus moral character applications; the amount of history required); the process of the State Bar seeking certification of eligibility from law schools for applicants to State Bar exams. Strategic topics of interest included the role of artificial intelligence in legal education, best practices in online education, and changes in education post-pandemic.

IV. Brainstorming Regarding Future Program on LLM's to the Committee of Bar Examiners

Members discussed key points that should be included in a presentation, such as: rules for those receiving their legal education outside the United States; the roles of LLM's in New

York and California versus the rest of the country; differentiating between general and specialty LLM's; and the different between M.S.L.'s and LLM's.

MEETING ADJOURNED