



The State Bar of California

Committee of Bar Examiners Teleconference

Open Session Minutes
Friday, June 28, 2023
12:03 p.m. – 1:26 p.m.

Time Meeting Commenced: The Committee of Bar Examiners meeting commenced in open session at 12:03 p.m.

Time Meeting Adjourned: 1:26 p.m.

Chair: Paul A. Kramer

Committee Coordinator: Devan McFarland

Members Present: James A. Bolton, Ph.D., Michael Cao, M.D, Alex H. Chan, James Efting, Kareem Gongora, Dolores Heisinger, Larry Kaplan, Paul A. Kramer, Alexander C. Lawrence, Jr., Esther P. Lin, Ashley Silva-Guzman, Vincent Reyes, David A. Torres

Members Absent: Robert S. Brody and Bethany J. Peak

State Bar Executive Staff Present: Donna Hershkowitz

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Call to Order

The Committee of Bar Examiners was called to order by Chair Kramer.

I. Chair's Time

A. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Call for Public Comment

Chair Kramer 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 Committee:

1. Ray Hayden

Ray Hayden provided public comment on their proposed revisions to the California Bar Examination. Their proposed revisions would create a cost-effective bar examination, assure better public of the public, and guarantee a balanced and diverse representation of California attorneys.

2. Benjamin Kohn

Benjamin Kohn provided public comment on the Testing Accommodation Rules Revision and agrees with the option to add State Bar offices as test sites for Testing Accommodation applicants. However, Benjamin Kohn commented that using the State Bar Southern California and Northern California office locations would be disproportionate compared to regular test sites that are offered statewide.

II. Operations and Management

A. Discussion and Action on California Bar Exam Cost Reduction Models Beginning with the February 2024 Exam

RESOLVED, that the Committee of Bar Examiners recommends, based on the information available, that the Board of Trustees consider cost reduction model #4 – administering the bar exam at four sites with one remote day.

Moved by David A. Torres, seconded by Larry Kaplan

Ayes – (8) James A. Bolton, Ph.D., Michael Cao, M.D, James Efting, Dolores Heisinger, Alexander C. Lawrence, Jr., Esther Lin, Vincent Reyes, David A. Torres

Noes – (4) Alex H. Chan, Kareem Gongora, Ashley Silva-Guzman, Paul A. Kramer

Abstain – (0)

Recuse- (0)

Absent – (3) Robert S. Brody, Larry Kaplan, Bethany Peak

Motion carries.

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NONE

ADJOURN