



The State Bar of California

Committee of State Bar Accredited and Registered Schools Teleconference

Open Session Minutes
Wednesday, August 16, 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: 2:55 p.m.

Chair: Linda Keller

Committee Coordinator: Natalie Leonard

Members Present: Michael Clancey, Jim Efting, Linda Keller, Kevin Marshall, Jessica Park

Members Absent: George Leal

OPEN SESSION

ROLL CALL

The Committee on State Bar Accredited and Registered Schools was called to order by Chair Keller. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Keller noted that ten public comments had been received and that one member of the public had signed up for public comment, Todd Hill. Chair Keller called for public comment, inquiring as to whether there were person(s) who wished to comment on any agenda item.

Verbal Public Comment:

Todd Hill: Described concerns about his law school, Peoples College of Law, including concerns about the accuracy of his transcript.

Written Public Comment:

Ten written public comment from Todd Hill was distributed to all CSBARS members.

I. CHAIR'S TIME

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 21, 2023 CSBARS MEETING

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the June 21, 2023 CSBARS meeting be approved.

Moved by Marshall, seconded by Clancey

Aye – (4) Clancey, Keller, Marshall, Park
No – (0)
Abstain – ()
Motion carries.

b. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair brought attention to the item on the Committee of Bar Examiners' agenda this week regarding the law school performance report to be discussed in the Friday, August 18 Committee meeting, as potentially being of interest to CSBARS members.

II. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Amy Nunez shared a report on 2024 Bar Exam Administration options
- B. Natalie Leonard advised that the target distribution date for the 2023 Annual Compliance Report is September 15, 2023, with a due date of November 15, 2023. Law schools expressed some interest in the availability of drop-in sessions or individual meetings for law schools that may have questions about the report.
- C. Elizabeth Hom and Danielle MacRae from the State Bar's Office of Access and Inclusion shared a Report on the Launch of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Seal Program for Legal Employers. Law schools are eligible to apply for the seal as employers, and can inform students of the legal employers that have earned the seal. Law schools wishing to explore seeking the seal are encouraged to set appointments with the office prior to the submission of the law school compliance report, so the law school can determine whether to include seeking the seal in its diversity, equity and inclusion plan. Accredited law schools must report on their plans in the compliance report due November 15, 2024. The DEI seal application will likely be in March 2024. Law schools are encouraged to publicize this program to students and graduates to help them evaluate potential employers. The current list of seal recipients can be found here:
- D. Recent Developments
 - a. The applicant portal home screen has been updated to give more information about how to open a case question or to review pending State Bar exams.
 - b. At its September meeting, the State Bar's Board of Trustees will be reviewing a proposed non-exam pathway to licensure to be submitted to the California Supreme Court for its review. Members are reminded that they can sign up for updates on postings of any committee or the board of trustees on the bottom of the page where agendas are located.

III. Discussion

- A. Discussion of Pilot Project for Online Access to State Bar Exam Results

This month, the State Bar piloted sending First-Year Law Students' Examination results to deans, still on the Monday after results were released to students. Feedback is welcome. Staff will be evaluating whether this process can be continued and possibly expanded to the release of bar exam results. Law schools are reminded that once the lists are distributed, it is the law

school's responsibility to maintain the lists for sufficient time to remain in compliance and also calculate required cumulative and individual exam pass results. Members of CSBARS and the Law School Council will also be testing an alternate method of distribution and storage. Watch for results at future meetings!

B. Discussion of Topics for Registrars' Meeting, October 19, 2023

Staff reviewed the proposed agenda composed after receiving feedback at the spring CSBARS and Law School Council meetings. The public may still submit topics to CSBARS@calbar.ca.gov.

C. Discussion of Topics for Law School Assembly Meeting, November 2, 2023

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MEETING ADJOURNED