



The State Bar of California

A.4. Sept. Minutes
10-20-23 Meeting
Open Session

Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct Teleconference

Open Session Minutes
Friday, September 15, 2023
10:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Time Meeting Commenced: The Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct meeting commenced in open session at 10:03 a.m.

Time Meeting Adjourned: 4:30 p.m.

Chair: Sarah Banola

Committee Coordinator: Erika Doherty

Members Present: Ken Bacon, Sarah Banola, Raquel Brigham Brown, Cassidy Chivers, Justin Fields, Brandon Krueger, Joel Mark, Eleanor Mercado, Dan O’Rielly, Vikita Poindexter

Members Absent: Elizabeth Bradley, William Munoz

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A. Remarks From the Chair

1. Call to Order
The Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct was called to order by Chair Banola.
2. Roll Call
Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.
3. Call for Public Comment
Chair Banola called for public comment, inquiring as to whether there were person(s) who wished to comment on any agenda item.
 - a. Reverend Frank addressed not being able to find recordings of previous meetings.
 - b. Todd Hill addressed his case of not being able to obtain his transcript.
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4. Approval of Open Session Minutes: July 28, 2023

Moved by Mark, seconded by Krueger.

Ayes – (7)
Noes – (0)
Abstain – (2)
Absent – (0)

Motion carries.

5. Report of the Chair
Chair Banola provided an oral report.
6. Report of the Committee Coordinator
Ms. Doherty provided an oral report.

B. Special Projects

1. Presentation and discussion on Board's Request to Explore Use and Regulation of Artificial Intelligence

No recommendation. Discussion only.

C. Discussion and Possible Approval of Draft Opinions Previously Circulated for Public Comment

1. 20-0002 [Succession Planning]

No recommendation. Discussion only.

2. 20-0001 [Expert Witness and Handling of Retainers and Fees]

No recommendation. Discussion only.

3. 20-0005 [Conversion Clauses in Contingency Fee Agreements]

No recommendation. Discussion only.

D. Discussion and Possible Approval of Draft Opinions Not Yet Circulated for Public Comment

1. 20-0003 [re Flat Fees and Termination]

No recommendation. Discussion only.

E. **Discussion and Possible Approval of Draft Advisories Not Yet Circulated for Public Comment**

1. 2022-OXA (formerly 1993-02 [re Standard of Review in Fee Disputes Where There Is a Written Fee Agreement])

No recommendation. Discussion only.

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