



The State Bar of California

Committee of State Bar Accredited and Registered Schools Teleconference

Open Session Minutes
Wednesday, October 11, 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: 2:56 p.m.

Chair: Linda Keller

Committee Coordinator: Natalie Leonard

Members Present: Della Justice, George Leal, Linda Keller, Kevin Marshall, Jessica Park, Karen Travis

Members Absent: Jim Efting

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 written public comments had been distributed to all committee members. No members of the public signed up for public comment in advance. Keller called for public comment, inquiring as to whether there were person(s) who wished to comment on any agenda item.

Verbal Public Comment:

Mitchel Winick: Shared his opposition to the appointment of Della Justice to CSBARS.

Todd Hill: Shared displeasure with his experience at his law school, Peoples College of Law, and identified a legal case he had filed.

Kevin Clinton: Advised that, after graduating in spring 2022, he continues to await delivery of his diploma, and possibly his transcript, from Peoples College of Law.

Written Public Comment:

Nine written public comments from Todd Hill was distributed to all CSBARS members.

I. CHAIR'S TIME

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 16, 2023 CSBARS MEETING

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the August 16, 2023 CSBARS meeting be approved.

Moved by Park, seconded by Marshall

Aye – (3) Keller, Marshall, Park

No – (0)

Abstain – (3) Justice, Leal, Travis

Motion carries.

b. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair welcomed new members Della Justice and Karen Travis. Chair Keller brought attention to the items on the Committee of Bar Examiners' agenda this week, such as modifications to the first-year law students' examination.

II. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Amy Nuñez shared a report on the upcoming 2023 First-Year Law Students' Examination's use of Prometric test centers, along with remote delivery or in-person delivery in some cases.
- B. Cody Hounanian reported on the upcoming Registrars' Meeting (October 19) and Law School Assembly (November 2) and reminded interested parties to register in advance in order to receive the Zoom link to attend.
- C. Natalie Leonard reported on the distribution of 2023 Annual Reports. She reminded law schools of the deadline and to reach out with any questions or to set an appointment if needed.
- D. Recent Developments
 - a. Audrey Ching mentioned that the discussion on Law School Regulation Fees posted for public comment was withdrawn from the agenda because it hasn't been posted yet.

III. Discussion

- A. Discussion on Law School Performance Report and Discussion of Future Metrics and Indicators

Natalie Leonard presented the Law School Performance Report, previously shared with the Committee of Bar Examiners in August, for the purpose of receiving feedback as to additional measures that might be recommended to be future metrics and indicators.

Discussion ensued regarding:

1. Comments about the Report Overall

a. Process for display of data and analysis

b. Whether / how to give context if multiple stressors occurred during a period, such as pandemic, extra opportunity to pass the First-Year Law Students' Examination, change in bar exam cut score, Provisional Licensure Program, Provisional Licensure Expanded Program, remote format bar exam

2. Potential categories suggested by staff and members that could be included and if so, what they might entail

a. Financial Indicators (discussion of variety among the schools including self-funding and Title IV eligibility)

b. Progression toward graduation

c. Overall Graduation rate

c. Performance by modality or by part-time/full-time status

d. Expanding Placement Data

e. Graduate Salary Data

f. Role of students who do not decide to take the bar exam

a. Discussion on [Proposal for a Portfolio Bar Exam Posted for Public Comment](#)

Susan Bakshian gave an overview of the proposal for the Portfolio Bar Exam. She also indicated where the public could share public comments on the proposal by the October 25, 2023 deadline and answered CSBARS' members questions about the current proposal. Members and the public were reminded that public comment on this posted matter should be submitted through the public comment website posting, even if a statement was made at CSBARS.

MEETING ADJOURNED