



# The State Bar of California

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## Law School Council Teleconference

Open Session Minutes  
Thursday, August 24, 2023  
1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

**Time Meeting Commenced:** The Law School Council meeting commenced in open session at 1:00 p.m.  
**Time Meeting Adjourned:** 3:00 p.m.  
**Chair:** Nydia Johnson  
**Committee Coordinator:** Natalie Leonard  
**Members Present:** Susan Bakhshian, Mary Basick, Christopher Ide-Don, Devin Kinyon, Mary-Beth Moylan

### OPEN SESSION

#### ROLL CALL

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

#### CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Verbal public comment was made by Ray Hayden J.D., who shared his grievances with the California State Bar Exam.

Verbal public comment was also made by Todd Hill, who shared his grievances with People's College of Law and the State Bar of California.

Verbal public comment was also made by Lisa Ferriera regarding the administration of the February 2024 bar exam in San Diego

### I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 4, 2023 Law School Council Meeting

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the May 4, 2023 Law School Council meeting be approved.

Moved by Susan Bakshian, seconded by Mary-Beth Moylan.

Aye – (6)

No – (0)

Abstain – (0)

Absent – (0)

Motion carries.

## **II. CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair welcomed the group. New team members Cody Hounanian and Theresa Solenski introduced themselves

## **III. STAFF REPORT**

- A. Amy Nunez reported on 2024 Bar Exam Administration options
- B. Natalie Leonard reported on Best Practices for Oath Cards and Admissions Ceremonies
- C. Elizabeth Hom and Danielle McRae reported on Launch of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Seal Program for Legal Employers
- D. Enrique Zuniga and Admissions Staff Report from the Office of the Public Trust Liaison
- E. The following recent developments were discussed:
  - a. Experiential Bar Exam testing going on at some law schools
  - b. Portfolio Bar Exam Option posted for Public Comment through August 31 2023, 24 hours prior to CBE meeting. CBE discussion of proposal on September 1 via Zoom prior to BOT discussion on September 21-22 2023)
  - c. Reminder to sign up for alerts from relevant State Bar Boards, Committees and Commissions
  - d. Board of Trustees Discussion of Fee Amendments to be discussed at September meeting on September 21 – 22.

## **IV. Discussion of Potential Topics for Law School Meetings**

- A. Theresa Solenski discussed the Pilot Project for Online Access to State Bar Exam Results for Law Schools
- B. Natalie Leonard and Cody Hounanian discussed topics for Registrars' Meeting, October 19, 2023
  - i. Home Screen for AIMS
  - ii. Review of communication options
  - iii. Requesting evaluations of current study and proposed plans
  - iv. E-Pass List Pilot
  - v. Transcript pilot
  - vi. Public Trust Liaison
- C. Natalie Leonard and Cody Hounanian discussed topics for Law School Assembly Meeting, November 2, 2023 (Leonard/Hounanian)

- i. February 2024 Bar Exam Site Plan
- ii. Online Education
- iii. AI Policies (Prior Survey as to who has policy or policies, when adopted) Invited:  
Edward Tian; UCB Contact
- iv. Moral Character Determination FAQ
- v. Public Trust Liaison
- vi. DEI Seal Program – Opportunities for Law Schools and Law Students
- vii. Possible Student Loan Update (Heather/Cody?)
- viii. Top Tips for Faster Oath Card Processing
- ix. Potentially Advice from Supreme Court on Blue Ribbon recommendation
- x. Potentially TA Rules Update or Admissions Rules Update generally

**MEETING ADJOURNED**