



The State Bar of California

Law School Council Teleconference

Open Session Minutes
Tuesday, June 11, 2024
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: 2:39 p.m.

Chair: Mary Basick

Committee Coordinator: Natalie Leonard

Members Present: Mary Basick, Susan Bakhshian; Tiffany Gabrielson; Christopher Ide-Don; Nydia Johnson; Devin Kinyon

Members Absent: Mary-Beth Moylan

Staff Present: Lisa Chavez; Cody Hounanian; Natalie Leonard; Ken Nourse; Amy Nunez; Becky Romero; Theresa Solenski

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order
The LSC was called to order by Chair Basick.
2. Roll Call
Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.
3. Call for Public Comment
Chair Basick called for public comment, inquiring as to whether there were person(s) who wished to comment on any agenda item. There were no members of the public who wished to speak on any agenda item and no written public comment was received.
4. Approval of Minutes
 - 4.1 Approval of Open Session Minutes: August 24, 2023

Moved by Basick seconded by Bakhshian

Ayes – (4) Bakhshian, Basick, Ide-Don, Kinyon

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (1) Gabrielson

Absent – (2) Moylan, Johnson (Absent for this vote)

Motion carries.

5. Chair Reports

Chair Basick welcomed Tiffany Gabrielson as a new member, and announced the next LSC meeting will take place via Zoom on August 6, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., while the next Committee of Bar Examiners meeting will take place in person in August 2024.

6. Staff Reports

June 2024 First-Year Law Students' Exam: Amy Nuñez reported that all continues to be on schedule for the June 2024 First-Year Law Students' Exam to be administered in multiple-choice format. At Law School Council request, a series of past multiple-choice questions will be posted.

July 2024 Bar Exam: Becky Romero reported on locations for the July 2024 Bar Exam and logistical best practices for applicants taking the exam, including allowing sufficient time for parking, and the need to dress in layers without hoods to address any changes in temperature.

Dr. Lisa Chavez presented on the 2023 Law School Profile Report comparing conditions and performance all three law school types, ABA approved law schools, unaccredited law schools, and accredited law schools. Several law schools commented that their teams eagerly accessed the report and would welcome future updates to the report.

June CBE Meeting: Cody Hounanian invited members and the public to join the CBE's webinar meeting on June 21, highlighting two agendized topics that may be of particular interest to law schools: 1) An analysis of the results to date for the Bar Strategies and Stories Productive Mindset program offered at no charge to students through an agreement between the State Bar of California and the Indiana University Equity Accelerator; 2) a status report on preparations for the February 2025 bar exam.

Application Deadline for Law School Council, June 30, 2024: Apply via the link on the Law School Council page of the State Bar's website.

DISCUSSION

Bar Exam Retaker Support Group: Ken Nourse provided an oral report on the General Bar Examination Retaker Support Group, available to all retakers registered for the July 2024 bar exam. Questions or feedback regarding the program can be send to to lap@calbar.ca.gov. Chair Basick is one of the presenters at this four-session program,

and she discussed her positive experience participating. Applicants can attend part or all of the sessions at no charge.

Best Practices for Communication: Cody Hounanian led a discussion on best practices for communication strategies related to State Bar updates. Members advised that when the State Bar sends announcements to law school deans, they do not always forward them in a timely way to staff who would also like to have these announcements. They suggested that mailing lists be created for subtopic subscriptions if possible. State Bar staff will research the feasibility and cost of such options. Members are also encouraged to work with their deans to ensure timely updates are distributed within the law schools. Law school members also continued to appreciate having the State Bar send copies of what is sent to applicants for State Bar exams.

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