The Vice-Chair, Michael J. Whelton, called the public portion of the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. (EDT). Present were Cynthia Baer, Richard F. Banbury, Raymond L. Baribeault, Jr., Kevin C. Connors, Earl F. Dewey II, Judge Nina Elgo, Edward J. Gavin, Karen L. Karpie, Hon. C. Ian McLachlan (Ret.), Gail E. McTaggart, David A. Moraghan, Irving H. Perlmutter, Sharon A. Peters, Denise Martino Phelan, Alix Simonetti, Hon. Elliot Solomon, Frederic S. Ury, and Matthew Wax-Krell. Present by invitation were Kathleen B. Harrington, Deputy Director, Attorney Services and Jessica F. Kallipolites, Administrative Director.

Justice McLachlan (Ret.) and Mr. Ury presented the final report issued by the Task Force on Legal Education and Standards of Admission. The report suggested that the Committee require six (6) hours of experiential learning and that the licensing, testing, and regulation of paralegals and/or limited licensed technicians be pursued. The sense of the Committee was that it should get out in front of these issues as this seems to be the wave of the future. The Committee deferred action to the next meeting for the Chair to appoint members to a subcommittee to consider these issues. Members were encouraged to email the Deputy Director if they are interested in serving on the subcommittee.

The Chair’s appointments for the Nominating Subcommittee were shared by the Deputy Director. This subcommittee will provide recommendations for each officer position at the October 3, 2014 meeting, at which time the full slate of officers will be voted on. The subcommittee will consist of Judge Elgo (Chair), Mr. Gross and Mr. Wax-Krell. Members were encouraged to advise Judge Elgo if they are interested in serving as an officer and/or if they want to nominate another member for an officer position.

Additionally, the Chair’s appointments for a new Rule and Regulation Subcommittee were shared by the Deputy Director. This subcommittee will work with the Deputy Director to review the rules and regulations governing the Committee’s work and will present suggested amendments at future meetings for consideration by the full Committee. The subcommittee will consist of Mr. Banbury (Chair), Ms. Baer, Judge Dranginis (Ret.), Ms. McTaggart, Mr. Silva, and Mr. Wax-Krell.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Perlmutter, seconded by Ms. Phelan, it was voted unanimously to accept and record, without amendment or correction, the minutes of the public session of the Regular Meeting of May 9, 2014.

Upon request at the previous meeting, the Deputy Director presented a comparison of the Committee’s projected versus actual income and expenses from the previous fiscal year (2013-2014). At the suggestion of the Committee, a similar comparison will be provided in future years. Additionally, the Deputy Director presented an analysis of the projected savings for salaries and benefits in relation to the two open positions that are
currently being filled in the Administrative Office. Given that the starting dates and salaries for the positions are unknown at this time, the full impact of filling the positions remains unclear.

Material was provided to the Committee concerning how other jurisdictions handle medical records, and it appears that the Committee’s treatment of such material is consistent with other jurisdictions. The sense of the Committee was that further action on the “Protocol for Requesting, Reviewing and Handling Medical Documentation” was not warranted at this time, and that members of the Committee could raise the issue as New Business at the next meeting if further discussion or consideration was desired.

The Administrative Director provided a report for the upcoming July 2014 bar exam highlighting a record high for laptop registration (82%) and a slightly lower number of applicants that are scheduled to sit for the exam (476). Additionally, information was presented to the Committee concerning a variance granted by the American Bar Association for William Mitchell College of Law for a hybrid law program. The variance is limited to four entering classes of students. The program would be part-time and approximately half of it would be offered by distance education. This item will appear on the agenda for the next meeting for additional consideration, and the matter will also be referred to the newly created Rule and Regulation Subcommittee for consideration.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Perlmutter, seconded by Mr. Whelton, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the public portion of the meeting at 10:36 a.m. (EDT) and to reconvene in the non-public portion of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

IRVING H. PERLMUTTER
Secretary