

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2019

The Chair, Hon. Anne C. Dranginis (Ret.), called the public portion of the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. (EDT). Present were Raymond L. Baribeault Jr., Edward J. Gavin, Eric M. Gross, Karen L. Karpie, Gail E. McTaggart, Denise Martino Phelan, Amir Shaikh, Frederic S. Ury, and Matthew Wax-Krell. Present by invitation were: Kathleen B. Harrington, Deputy Director, Attorney Services; Jessica F. Kallipolites, Administrative Director; Lisa Valko, Program Manager; and Matthew Berardino, Counsel, Legal Services.

The Chair announced the results of the July 2019 bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Gross, it was voted unanimously to deem those 182 applicants who had obtained a passing score of 266 as having passed the July 2019 Connecticut bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Ury, it was voted unanimously to deem those 121 applicants who had failed to obtain a passing score of 266 as having failed to pass the July 2019 Connecticut bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Gross, it was voted unanimously that those applicants who had obtained a passing score on the July 2019 Connecticut bar examination and who had complied with the rules and regulations governing admission to the bar of the State of Connecticut be recommended to the judges of the Superior Court for admission to the bar, unless further evidence warrants review pursuant to Article VI of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee Regulations. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Phelan, it was voted unanimously that the 4 applicants who had obtained a passing score on the July 2019 Connecticut bar examination, but whose applications disclosed issues concerning good character or fitness, be reviewed further pursuant to Article VI of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee Regulations.

At 10:02 a.m., member Kevin C. Connors arrived and Attorney Berardino left the meeting.

The Chair addressed the long term service to the committee by Attorney Richard Banbury, who recently retired, and the appointment of Abby M. Warren to the committee.

At 10:05 a.m., members Erick I. Diaz and Alix Simonetti arrived.

Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Phelan, it was voted unanimously to accept and record the minutes of the public session of the Regular Meeting of July 12, 2019, with Ms. Karpie abstaining.

Discussion was had regarding a comparison of the Committee's income and expenses from the current fiscal year to the previous fiscal year for the Fourth Quarter (April – June 2019) and for the complete fiscal year.

Mr. Ury addressed two proposed amendments to the CBEC Regulations on behalf of the Rules and Regulations Subcommittee, which has recently undertaken a review of all rules and regulations governing admission to the Connecticut bar. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Ury, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to amend Article III-1 of the CBEC Regulations to increase the length of time an applicant for admission by UBE score transfer may apply from three (3) years to five (5) years after attaining a total scaled score of 266 or higher on the UBE. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Phelan, it was voted unanimously to amend Article IV of the CBEC Regulations so that applicants for admission without examination, who are in good standing, and have no disciplinary history, including administrative disciplinary history, will not be required to meet the MPRE requirement, but such applicant will be required to provide evidence that he or she does not have any disciplinary history. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to amend Question 11 of the application for admission without examination to incorporate the amendments made to Article IV of the CBEC Regulations.

The Chair addressed the CBEC meeting dates for 2020 and presented information relating to the next NCBE Annual Bar Admissions Conference to be held in May 2020 in New Orleans, LA.

Mr. Wax-Krell provided an update on behalf of the Strategic Planning Subcommittee regarding the ongoing project to move the applications and forms to an online format, to build a new database and a new online system to communicate with applicants.

Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Simonetti it was voted unanimously to adjourn the public portion of the meeting at 10:43 a.m. (EDT) and to reconvene in the non-public portion of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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KAREN L. KARPIE  
Secretary