

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING – Conducted via TEAMS
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
October 30, 2023

The Chair, Hon. Anne C. Dranginis (Ret.), called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. (EDT). Present were Campbell D. Barrett, Miguel A. Escalera, Jr., Edward J. Gavin, Eric M. Gross, Maura Horan, David A. Moraghan, Denise Martino Phelan, Timothy P. Pothin, Hon. Amir Shaikh, Alix Simonetti, Hon. Elliot Solomon (Ret.), Martha S. Triplett, Frederic S. Ury, Abby M. Warren, and Matthew Wax-Krell. Present by invitation were: Kathleen B. Harrington, Deputy Director, Attorney Services; Lisa Valko, Director; and Starr Carroll, Program Manager.

The Chair moved that the NextGen Bar Exam be adopted with the first administration in July 2026. Mr. Gross seconded the motion. Discussion was had regarding the recent press release from the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) announcing that family law will be added to the list of foundational concepts and principles starting with the July 2028 administration, that the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) and its components will sunset after four (4) administrations instead of three (3) as previously announced, and that family law and trusts and estates will move from the essay to the performance test portion of the UBE between July 2026 and July 2028.

At 2:10 p.m., member Hon. Nina Elgo arrived.

The issue of portability of a NextGen Bar Exam score to a UBE jurisdiction that has not yet adopted the new exam, and vice versa, was discussed.

The Chair withdrew the pending motion and thereafter moved that the NCBE be informed that Connecticut will use the NextGen Bar Exam, with the first administration to be determined at a later date. Ms. Phelan seconded the motion. The Committee discussed whether neighboring jurisdictions intend to adopt the NextGen Bar Exam and whether these jurisdictions intend to agree to score portability.

The motion was called to a vote and passed unanimously. The Chair suggested that another special meeting be scheduled to decide the date of the first administration of the new exam and to continue discussion of the issues raised during the meeting.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m. (EDT).

Respectfully submitted,

KAREN L. KARPIE
Secretary