

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING – Conducted via TEAMS  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT  
October 4, 2023

The Chair, Hon. Anne C. Dranginis (Ret.), called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. (EDT). Present were Kevin C. Connors, Hon. Nina Elgo, Miguel A. Escalera, Jr., Edward J. Gavin, Eric M. Gross, Maura Horan, Karen L. Karpie, Gail E. McTaggart, David A. Moraghan, Denise Martino Phelan, Hon. Amir Shaikh, Alix Simonetti, and Matthew Wax-Krell. Present by invitation were National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) staff members: Blake Bluemel, Beth Donahue, Ellen Embertson, Danette McKinley, and Marilyn Wellington. Also present by invitation were: Kathleen B. Harrington, Deputy Director, Attorney Services; Lisa Valko, Director; and Starr Carroll, Program Manager.

The NCBE staff presented on the current plans for the administration of the NextGen Bar Examination. The first administration of the NextGen Bar Examination is scheduled for July 2026; the current Uniform Bar Examination will be offered for three (3) administrations after that time, before sunseting. Information was provided on the exam's make up and content, along with details on how the exam will be administered. Logistical developments and details were provided as well by NCBE staff. Committee members made various inquires throughout the presentation, and discussion ensued thereafter.

At 2:45 p.m., Mr. Wax-Krell left the meeting.

At 3:11 p.m., NCBE staff members left the meeting.

Following the presentation there was discussion regarding notice to law students and law schools and potential impact on current contracts with third party vendors. Staff were instructed to request additional information on NCBE's research and testing efforts that ensure no adverse impacts on women and minority groups. The Chair suggested that another special meeting be scheduled. After some discussion, consensus was reached that another special meeting should be scheduled to vote on whether to adopt the NextGen Bar Examination, and if so, when to start administering it. It was decided that the next special meeting will be conducted via Teams, on October 30, 2023.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m. (EDT).

Respectfully submitted,

---

KAREN L. KARPIE  
Secretary