

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING – Conducted via TEAMS  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT  
JULY 14, 2023

The Hon. Nina Elgo, Chair *pro tem*, called the public portion of the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. (EDT). Present were Raymond L. Baribeault, Jr., Campbell D. Barrett, Deborah L. Bradley, Miguel A. Escalera, Jr., Eric M. Gross, Karen L. Karpie, Gail E. McTaggart, David A. Moraghan, Perry Zinn Rowthorn, Hon. Amir Shaikh, Alix Simonetti, Hon. Elliot Solomon (Ret.), 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.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Gross, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to accept and record, without amendment or correction, the minutes of the public session of the Regular Meeting of April 21, 2023.

At 10:09 a.m., member Denise Martino Phelan arrived.

Mr. Wax-Krell presented the financial report for the Fourth Quarter (April – June 2023), the projected versus actual budget for fiscal year 2022-2023, and the projected budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. It was noted that the primary difference in expenses on the projected versus actual budget was due an increase in staff salaries and benefits. It was further noted that approximately \$50,000 in salaries and benefits reimbursement was overpaid to the Judicial Branch due to an invoicing error. This amount will be credited to the CBEC in the next quarter billing. Discussion was had regarding the increasing expenses and ways to potentially address this deficit. The consensus was that a subcommittee on application fees be formed to assess current fees and expenses and to make recommendations to the full committee accordingly.

The Director provided a report on the upcoming July 2023 bar examination, scheduled for July 25 and 26, 2023. There were 412 applications received, and nine (9) have been withdrawn. There was an increase in the number of requests for accommodations, and presently 23 examinees are scheduled to receive nonstandard testing accommodations.

The Director presented updated information regarding the number of applicants transferring a UBE score for admission to Connecticut who failed the UBE in the jurisdiction in which it was administered.

Discussion was had regarding production of admission certificates, which are currently produced in-house by the Judicial Branch. The Director presented information regarding an outside company that produces certificates and provides the opportunity for income sharing from the sale of frames for the certificates. Other jurisdictions including New York, Texas, and the District of Columbia use this service to produce admission certificates. The consensus was that the Director will obtain additional information regarding the costs and potential income of this service for discussion at a future meeting.

Judge Elgo presented on the NextGen Bar Examination and related material from the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE). The consensus was that a subcommittee be formed for consideration of the NextGen Bar Examination and to make recommendations to the full committee accordingly.

Lastly, the Deputy Director acknowledged Committee member Deborah L. Bradley. Ms. Bradley has chosen not to be reappointed, and this is her last term after just shy of 30 years of service. She was thanked for all of her many efforts and hard work, and she will be missed.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the public portion of the meeting at 10:52 a.m. (EDT).

Respectfully submitted,

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KAREN L. KARPIE  
Secretary