

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING – Conducted via TEAMS
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
October 4, 2024

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., Campbell D. Barrett, Michael Connelly, Kevin C. Connors, Hon. Nina Elgo, Miguel A. Escalera Jr., Edward J. Gavin, Maura Horan, Gail E. McTaggart, Denise Martino Phelan, Alix Simonetti, Frederic S. Ury, Abby M. Warren, and Hon. Matthew Wax-Krell. Present by invitation were Kathleen B. Harrington, Deputy Director, Attorney Services; Lisa Valko, Director; and Starr Evans, Program Manager. Kelley Mauerman, from Purdue Global Law School, and one member of the public were also in attendance.

The Chair announced the results of the July 2024 bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Gavin, it was voted unanimously to deem those 258 applicants who had obtained a passing score of 266 as having passed the July 2024 Connecticut bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Connors, it was voted unanimously to deem those 153 applicants who had failed to obtain a passing score of 266 as having failed to pass the July 2024 Connecticut bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Gavin, it was voted unanimously that those applicants who had obtained a passing score on the July 2024 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 Mr. Baribeault, it was voted unanimously that the 5 applicants who had obtained a passing score on the July 2024 Connecticut bar examination, but whose application disclosed issues concerning good character or fitness, be reviewed further pursuant to Article VI of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee Regulations.

New member Michael Connelly, who replaced Karen L. Karpie, was welcomed to the meeting.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Gavin, seconded by Judge Wax-Krell, it was voted unanimously to accept and record, without amendment or correction, the minutes of the public session of the Special Meeting of August 22, 2024, with Judge Elgo abstaining.

At 10:09 a.m., the member of the public left the meeting.

Mr. Connors provided a report of the subcommittee that reviewed the petition of Purdue Global Law School (FKA Concord Law School) for approval pursuant to Article II-1 (B) of the CBEC Regulations. The subcommittee recommended that approval be granted for a period of three (3) years and to reassess the approval after that time. Ms. Mauerman, Associate Dean for Experiential Learning at Purdue Global Law School, provided updates regarding the school's California bar passage rates, student population, cost of attendance, and other relevant information. Upon motion duly made by the Chair,

seconded by Mr. Ury, it was voted unanimously to accept the subcommittee's recommendation and grant approval of Purdue Global Law School pursuant to Article II-1 (B) for a period of three (3) years, such approval applying to graduates of calendar year 2024 and forward.

At 10:40 a.m., Ms. Mauerman left the meeting.

The Deputy Director provided a report on the NCBE Bar Passage Transmittal to Law Schools Program, which is a free service that transmits bar passage data to law schools after each bar examination. The NCBE currently provides this service for 25 jurisdictions. Connecticut does not currently take advantage of this program, but participation would lessen the burden on the administrative office as well as benefit the law schools to have the NCBE transmit the data after each bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Connors, it was voted unanimously to participate in the program.

The Director provided an update for the upcoming February 2025 bar examination, which will be held on February 25 and 26, 2025. The filing period is from October 1, 2024, to December 2, 2024.

Lastly, the Director provided an update on the NextGen Bar Exam prototype testing. Thirty-five (35) jurisdictions across the country are participating. Connecticut will administer this full prototype examination on October 25 and 26, 2024, at UCONN School of Law; seventy-one (71) applicants are registered.

Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Horan, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the public portion of the meeting at 10:50 a.m. (EDT).

Respectfully submitted,


MIGUEL A. ESCALERA JR.
Secretary