

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING – Conducted via TEAMS  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT  
APRIL 24, 2026

The Chair, Hon. Anne C. Dranginis (Ret.), called the public portion of the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Raymond L. Baribeault, Jr., Campbell D. Barrett, Justin Blain, Hon. Nina Elgo, Miguel A. Escalera Jr., Edward J. Gavin, Eric M. Gross, David A. Moraghan, Denise Martino Phelan, Timothy P. Pothin, Robert D. Silva, Alix Simonetti, and Abby M. Warren. Present by invitation were: Kathleen B. Harrington, Deputy Director, Attorney Services; Lisa Valko, Director; and Starr Evans, Program Manager.

The Chair announced the results of the February 2026 bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Phelan, it was voted unanimously to deem those 60 applicants who had obtained a passing score of 266 as having passed the February 2026 Connecticut bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Pothin, it was voted unanimously to deem those 127 applicants who had failed to obtain a passing score of 266 as having failed to pass the February 2026 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 February 2026 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. Pothin, it was voted unanimously that the eight (8) applicants who had obtained a passing score on the February 2026 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.

The Chair reported that she will be attending the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) Annual Bar Admissions Conference next week in Philadelphia, PA, which Judge Elgo and the Director will also attend.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Phelan, 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 January 30, 2026, with Mr. Barrett and Mr. Pothin abstaining.

At 10:07 a.m., member Martha S. Triplett joined the meeting.

The Director presented a comparison of the Committee's income and expenses from the current fiscal year to the previous fiscal year for the Third Quarter (January – March).

The Director presented proposed amendments to Article II-3 of the CBEC Regulations in response to the committee's vote at the January 30, 2026, regular meeting approving online LL.M. courses under Article II-3 (B) of the CBEC Regulations. Upon motion duly

made by Judge Elgo, seconded by the Chair, a majority voted to accept the amendments as proposed by a vote of 11 to 3 with Mr. Escalera, Ms. Phelan, and Ms. Simonetti voting against, and Mr. Moraghan abstaining.

The Chair discussed the new Connecticut Public Service Pathway to Licensure Task Force and the need for CBEC members to be involved in the task force. She also mentioned that she will be a panel member on an upcoming presentation at the Connecticut Bar Association Legal Conference on June 2, 2026, regarding the NextGen bar exam and the history of the bar exam.

The Director provided an update on the NextGen UBE, including the NCBE's launch of the new jurisdiction portal, and initial data from the January 2026 beta test. The NCBE is also conducting additional pilot testing, including testing on built-in accessibility features and external accessibility software. The Director also indicated that several more jurisdictions have announced intentions to accept transferred NextGen UBE scores beginning with the July 2026 administration.

The Director provided a report on the upcoming July 2026 bar exam, which will be the first administration of the NextGen UBE and noting that 343 applications have been received to date and that the filing deadline is April 30, 2026. The filing deadline for applicants that were unsuccessful on the February 2026 bar exam is Friday, May 15, 2026. The exam will take place on July 28 & 29, 2026. The Director noted that at this time, the application numbers and pool of applicants appear to be roughly equivalent to prior July examinations.

The Chair adjourned the public portion of the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary