

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING – Conducted via TEAMS
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
JULY 12, 2024

The Chair, Hon. Anne C. Dranginis (Ret.), called the public portion of the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. (EDT). Present were Raymond L. Baribeault, Jr., Campbell D. Barrett, Kevin C. Connors, Hon. Nina Elgo, Miguel A. Escalera Jr., Edward J. Gavin, Eric M. Gross, Maura Horan, Karen L. Karpie, Gail E. McTaggart, Denise Martino Phelan, Perry Zinn Rowthorn, Robert D. Silva, 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.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously (subject to the abstention of members that were not present) to accept and record, without amendment or correction, the minutes of the public session of the Regular Meeting of April 26, 2024.

Judge Wax-Krell presented the projected versus actual budget for fiscal year 2023-2024; and the projected budget for fiscal year 2024-2025. Discussion was had regarding the projection of a minor deficit for the next fiscal year, the increased expenses for the non-standard testing site for the upcoming exam and beyond, and the potential for increased professional services in the future.

The Director provided a report on the upcoming July 2024 bar examination, scheduled for July 30 and 31, 2024. There were 455 applications received, and currently 437 are pending. There were 52 requests for accommodations, and presently 42 examinees are scheduled to receive nonstandard testing accommodations. Due to the increased number of applicants receiving accommodations, additional space has been rented given that the usual site is not large enough to adequately test the candidates for this administration.

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.

The Director provided an update on the NextGen Bar Examination, which will be administered in July 2026. It was recently determined that Connecticut will host a prototype exam at UCONN School of Law in late October. The plan is for 40 – 50 applicants to participate in taking the full NextGen examination. Also, it was stated that the current rules and regulations need to be reviewed in preparation for the NextGen examination, should amendments be needed; this will occur after the July exam.

Lastly, the Director reported that all applications are now online, with the exception of the Foreign Legal Consultant application. Many applications have been received online, and the feedback is mostly positive. One downside to the online application process is that people who are not qualified are applying, and their money is being deposited, which

eventually needs to be returned. Staff are actively brainstorming solutions to resolve this issue going forward.

The Chair adjourned the public portion of the meeting at 10:41 a.m. (EDT).

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary