

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING – Conducted via ZOOM
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
FEBRUARY 10, 2021

The Chair, Hon. Anne C. Dranginis (Ret.), called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. (EDT). Present were Raymond L. Baribeault, Jr., Hon. Nina Elgo, Karen L. Karpie, David A. Moraghan, Denise Martino Phelan, Perry Zinn Rowthorn, Alix Simonetti, Hon. Elliot Solomon (Ret.), Frederic S. Ury, Abby M. Warren, and Matthew Wax-Krell. Present by invitation were Kathleen B. Harrington, Deputy Director, Attorney Services, and Lisa Valko, Director, CBEC.

Discussion was had regarding the July 2021 bar exam, NCBE's plan to offer both in-person and remote options for testing (both of which would yield portable UBE scores), the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and the rollout of vaccines over the next several months. The Director explained the importance of selecting one method of administration before opening the application period to avoid confusion and the need for refunds.

At 11:11 a.m., Ms. Karpie left the meeting.

Upon motion duly made by Judge Elgo, seconded by Ms. Phelan, it was voted unanimously to administer the July 2021 bar exam remotely. Upon motion duly made by Judge Solomon, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to utilize the typical filing fees (\$800 and \$900) and deadlines (March 31st and April 30th) for a July administration of the bar exam. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to allow a full fee credit for individuals that received credit from the October 2020 remote bar exam and that apply for the July exam.

Consensus was reached in favor of waiving the computer registration fee for all July 2021 applicants and providing reimbursement up to \$200 per day for two days, for a total of up to \$400, for the July 2021 applicants who need a quiet space or a location with reliable internet if a request for such an accommodation is received by the deadline and granted.

At 11:30 a.m., Mr. Rowthorn left the meeting.

Lastly, consensus was reached against establishing a cap for the number of applications that would be accepted for the July 2021 bar exam.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m. (EDT).

Respectfully submitted,

HON. ANNE C. DRANGINIS (RET.)
Secretary *Pro Tem*