

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING – Conducted via ZOOM
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

The Chair, Hon. Anne C. Dranginis (Ret.), called the public portion of the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. (EDT). Present were Raymond L. Baribeault, Jr., Campbell D. Barrett, Hon. Nina Elgo, Edward J. Gavin, Eric M. Gross, Karen L. Karpie, Gail E. McTaggart, Sharon A. Peters, Denise Martino Phelan, Perry Zinn Rowthorn, Alix Simonetti, Fred Ury, and Abby M. Warren. Present by invitation were: Kathleen B. Harrington, Deputy Director, Attorney Services; Jessica F. Kallipolites, Administrative Director; and Lisa Valko, Program Manager.

The Chair addressed the invaluable service to the committee by Hon. C. Ian McLachlan (Ret.) over the last several years and welcomed Mr. Barrett to the Committee.

Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Gavin, it was voted unanimously to accept and record the minutes of the public session of the Special Meeting of July 23, 2020, with Mr. Barrett abstaining. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to accept and record the minutes of the public session of the Regular Meeting of July 31, 2020, with Mr. Barrett abstaining.

Discussion was had regarding the financial reports for the Third Quarter (January – March 2020), the Fourth Quarter (April – June 2020), Fiscal Year 2019-2020, and the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. It was noted that expenses for laptop usage, proctors, exam sites, hotel reimbursement, and similar line items will be difficult to predict given that the fall exam is remote and the format for next year's exams is unknown.

The Administrative Director provided a report on the upcoming October 2020 remote bar exam, noting that 406 applications were currently pending and that approximately 15 requests for hotel accommodations were received and processed. Additionally, the Administrative Director provided a report on the February 2021 bar exam, noting that the application period will be delayed due to the delay of the July exam to October.

The Deputy Director presented a proposal to amend Article VI-5 (E) (4) of the CBEC Regulations to clarify the process for withdrawing an application during the character and fitness process. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to adopt the proposed amendment as drafted. Additionally, the Deputy Director presented draft amendments to denial cover letters to provide notice of the right to pursue rights and remedies. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Ury, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to adopt the amendments as drafted.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Ury, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the public portion of the meeting at 10:32 a.m. (EDT).

Respectfully submitted,

KAREN L. KARPIE
Secretary