

PUBLIC MINUTES

THE COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS

OF

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

June 24 and 25, 2016

State Bar of California Offices

845 S. Figueroa Street

Los Angeles, California

A meeting of the Committee of Bar Examiners of The State Bar of California convened in closed session at 1:00 p.m., Friday, June 24, 2016, in a meeting room at the State Bar offices in Los Angeles, Lee H. Wallach, Chair, presiding. Officers and members present were: Lee H. Wallach, Chair, Alan S. Yochelson, Vice-Chair; James H. Aguirre, Traci C. Belmore, James A. Bolton, Ph.D., Michelle Domingo, Karen M. Goodman, Erika Hiramatsu, Dolores Heisinger, KV Kumar, Joel S. Miliband, Martha Pruden-Hamiter, Sandhya Ramadas, Larry Sheingold, David A. Torres, Jeanne C. Vanderhoff and Patricia M. Villalobos, Members. Member Alexander C. Lawrence, Jr., was absent. State Bar staff members in attendance were Gayle E. Murphy, Senior Director, Admissions, George C. Leal, Director for Educational Standards, Lisa Jeong Cummins, Director for Examinations, Greg S. Shin, Director for Operations and Management, Kelly M. O'Haire, Director for Moral Character Determinations, Sarah Reed, Director for Administration, Destie Overpeck, Assistant General Counsel, and Board of Trustees member Joanna Mendoza, liaison to the Committee. Also in attendance were Brandon Tady, Senior Attorney with the Chief Trial Counsel's office and Michael von Lowenfeldt. The session concluded at approximately at 2:15 p.m., at which time the meetings of the Committee's subcommittees began. The meeting was reconvened into opened session beginning at 9:35 a.m. on Saturday, June 25, 2016. All Committee members and staff in attendance on Friday were present on Saturday. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

COMMITTEE MEETING PUBLIC MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the minutes taken during the public session of the meeting on April 29 and 30, 2016 be approved.

CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL'S REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTATION ON APPEALS OF MORAL CHARACTER DETERMINATION DENIALS

It was by common consent agreed that the Committee's appreciation be extended to Brandon Tady, Senior Attorney with the Office of Chief Trial Counsel, for his presentation on the handling of moral character determination appeals by the Office of Chief Trial Counsel.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES PARTICIPATING
IN JUNE 2016 ADMISSION CEREMONIES**

It was by common consent agreed that oral reports received from Committee representatives who participated in the June 2016 admission ceremonies for February 2016 California Bar Examination successful applicants who had met all requirements for admission be received.

APRIL AND MAY 2016 KEY INDICATORS

It was by common consent agreed that the April and May 2016 Key Indicators for the Office of Admissions/Committee of Bar Examiners be received and filed.

SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 26, 2016 COMMITTEE MEETING

It was by common consent agreed that the schedule for the August 26, 2016 Committee Meeting, which will be held at the State Bar of California Offices in San Francisco, California, be received and filed.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EXAMINATIONS

TENTATIVE DATES FOR CONFERENCE CALL MEETINGS

It was by common consent agreed that conference call meetings of the Subcommittee on Examinations be scheduled tentatively for noon on July 1, 2016, July 8, 2016 and July 15, 2016 to consider testing accommodation appeals filed in connection with administration of the July 2016 California Bar Examination.

**SUPREME COURT REPORT ON THE
FEBRUARY 2016 CALIFORNIA BAR EXAMINATION**

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the draft Supreme Court Report on the February 2016 California Bar Examination be finalized and submitted to the Court.

2015 – 2016 SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS

It was by common consent agreed that the 2015 – 2016 goals for the Subcommittee on Examinations be received and filed.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

APRIL 2016 FINANCIAL ANALYSIS REPORT

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the Financial Analysis Report as of April 30, 2016 for the Admissions Fund, be received and filed.

REVIEW OF TESTING ACCOMMODATION COST TRENDS

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the report on Testing Accommodations Cost Trends be received and filed.

FEBRUARY 2016 CALIFORNIA BAR EXAMINATION COST ANALYSIS

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the report on costs for administering the February 2016 California Bar Examination be received and filed.

2015 – 2016 SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS

It was by common consent agreed that the 2015 – 2016 goals for the Subcommittee on Operations and Management be received and filed.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS

**TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF GUIDELINE 12.1
(MINIMUM, CUMULATIVE BAR EXAMINATION PASS RATE)**

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that Guidelines 12.1 and 12.2 of the *Guidelines for Accredited Law School Rules*, which require California accredited law schools to submit their minimum, cumulative bar examination pass rate reports, be temporarily suspended since the law schools under current law are not provided examination pass/fail lists.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN LAW SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

It was by common consent agreed that the notices from Pacific West College of Law of the appointment of Edgar Surtida as Assistant Registrar, effective May 26, 2016, be received and filed.

**AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF LAW – MAJOR CHANGE REQUEST
REGARDING RELOCATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the request for approval of the major change submitted by the American Institute of Law, pursuant to Rules 4.245 and 4.246(B) of the *Unaccredited Law School Rules*, to allow it to move its administrative offices to 18411 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, California, be received and files and that the request be granted.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COLLEGE OF LAW – MAJOR CHANGE REQUEST
REGARDING RELOCATION OF CAMPUS AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the request for approval of the major change submitted by the San Luis Obispo College of Law, pursuant to Rules 4.164 and 4.165(B) of the *Accredited Law School Rules*, to allow it to move its campus to 4119 Broad Street, San Luis Obispo, California, be received and filed and that the request be granted.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW –
PERIODIC INSPECTION REPORT

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the Periodic Inspection Report of the Abraham Lincoln University School of Law (ALUSOL) of the inspection conducted on October 14, 2015 by George Leal, Director for Educational Standards, be received and filed; that the response of June 13, 2016 submitted on behalf of the law school by Dean Hyung J. Park be received and filed; that the Report's recommended, mandatory recommendations regarding ALUSOL's noncompliance be adopted; that subject to receipt from ALUSOL within the next sixty days confirming that the recommended, mandatory actions have been addressed, the law school's next periodic inspection take place in the fall of 2020, unless an earlier inspection is found necessary by the Committee.

LADY JUSTICE LAW SCHOOL – APPLICATION FOR
REGISTRATION INSPECTION REPORT

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the Report of Inspection in connection with the Application for Registration submitted by Lady Justice Law School, as a fixed-facility California unaccredited law school, which was conducted by George Leal, Director for Educational Standards, be received and filed; that, pursuant to Rule 4.223(C), the law school be registered for two years, subject to a visitation of the law school to be scheduled within six months prior to the expiration of that time to confirm its continued compliance with the *Unaccredited Law School Rules and Guidelines for Unaccredited Law School Rules*.

AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOL OF LAW – STATUS REPORT

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the status report on American Heritage University School of Law be received and filed.

2015 – 2016 SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS

It was by common consent agreed that the 2015 – 2016 goals for the Subcommittee on Educational Standards be received and filed.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON MORAL CHARACTER

2015 – 2016 SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS

It was by common consent agreed that the 2015 – 2016 goals for the Subcommittee on Moral Character be received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Having concluded all the business scheduled for consideration during the open and closed sessions of the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m., Saturday, June 25, 2016 in the memory of former member Archie “Joe” Biggers.