

PUBLIC MINUTES

THE COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS

OF

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

March 17, 2017

State Bar of California Offices
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, California

A meeting of the Committee of Bar Examiners of The State Bar of California convened in open session at 3:00 p.m., Friday, March 17, 2017, in a meeting room at the State Bar offices in San Francisco, Karen M. Goodman, Chair, presiding. Officers and members present were:, Karen M. Goodman, Chair, Jeanne C. Vanderhoff, Vice-Chair, James A. Bolton, Ph.D., Robert S. Brody, Michelle Domingo, James H. Efting, Dolores Heisinger, Erika Hiramatsu, Paul A. Kramer, KV Kumar, Sandhya Ramadas, David A. Torres, and Lee H. Wallach, Members. Members Traci C. Belmore, Alexander C. Lawrence, Jr., Martha Pruden-Hamiter, Larry Sheingold, and Patricia Villalobos were 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, Christina Doell, Acting Director, Administration, Kim Wong, Administrative Specialist, Destie Overpeck, Assistant General Counsel, Elizabeth Parker, Executive Director, Leah Wilson, Chief Operating Officer, Todd Stevens, Board of Trustees Member and liaison to the Committee, and Patricia Lee, Managing Director Diversity Outreach. Also in attendance were Mary Murphy, Dorainne Levy, Victor Quintanilla, Sam Erman, Greg Walton, Dean Bernadette Agaton, Greg Brandes, Dean Carole Buckner, Leslie Cunningham, Rodney Fong, Yolanda Jackson, Catalina Lozano, Dean Mitchel Winick and a few others who were not identified. The meeting went into closed session at 4:45 p.m., at which time Greg Brandes and Dean Carole Buckner left the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETING PUBLIC MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the minutes taken during the public session of the meeting on January 20 and 21, 2017, be approved.

PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS AND THE BAR EXAMINATION

It was unanimously agreed that the Committee's appreciation be extended to Mary Murphy, Dorainne Levy, Victor Quintanilla, Indiana University, Bloomington, Sam Erman, University of Southern California, and Greg Walton, Stanford University for their presentations on Psychological Interventions that Promote Excellence on the California Bar Examination.

REPORT ON "RECENT PERFORMANCE CHANGES
ON THE CALIFORNIA BAR EXAMINATION"

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the report on "Recent Performance Changes on the California Bar Examination" dated February 19, 2017 prepared by Roger Bolus, Ph.D. be received and filed and that the report be authorized for publication.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING MEMBER

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the Committee's gratitude be extended to outgoing Committee member KV Kumar, who will be leaving the Committee effective the date of this meeting and that the following citation be prepared and presented to him:

This Citation is presented to KV Kumar by the Committee of Bar Examiners of The State Bar of California in recognition of his retirement from the Committee of Bar Examiners after his five years of outstanding service as a Committee member and his distinguished service to the legal profession in California.

DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR ADMISSION CEREMONIES
FOR SUCCESSFUL FEBRUARY 2017 CALIFORNIA BAR
EXAMINATION APPLICANTS

It was by common consent agreed that the following members represent the Committee at the designated Admissions Ceremonies, which will be conducted for the purpose of admitting applicants who are successful on the February 2017 California Bar Examination and who have met all other requirements for admission: Oakland Convention Center – Michelle Domingo, Sacramento – Paul Kramer, Fresno – David Torres, Los Angeles – Robert Brody, Orange County – Erika Hiramatsu, Riverside – James Bolton, San Diego – Jeanne Vanderhoff, and Ventura – Alan Yochelson.

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING VETERAN OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS
STAFF MEMBERS

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that retiring Office of Admissions staff members Lisa Edwards, Allen Malmquist, Jane Paragas and Maggie Warner, Moral Character Analysts, be recognized and that certificates of appreciation be prepared and presented to them acknowledging their many years of outstanding service on behalf of the Committee.

PENDING LEGISLATION – SENATE BILL NO. 690

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees support Senate Bill No. 690 that was introduced by Senator Jackson on February 17, 2017, which if approved and signed by the Governor would permit the

Committee to resume its practice of sharing pass/fail lists with law schools and publish the pass list following the release of results from the California Bar Examination.

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2017 KEY INDICATORS

It was by common consent agreed that the January and February 2017 Key Indicators for the Office of Admissions/Committee of Bar Examiners be received and filed.

SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 28 AND 29, 2017 COMMITTEE PLANNING MEETING

It was by common consent agreed that the schedule for the April 28 and 29, 2017 Meeting, which will be held at the State Bar of California Offices in San Francisco, California, be received and filed.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EXAMINATIONS

2016 – 2017 SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS

It was by common consent agreed that the 2016 – 2017 goals for the Subcommittee on Examinations be received and filed.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

DECEMBER 2016 FINANCIAL ANALYSIS REPORT

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the Financial Analysis Report as of December 31, 2016 for the Admissions Fund be received and filed.

2016 – 2017 SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS

It was by common consent agreed that the 2016 – 2017 goals for the Subcommittee on Operations and Management be received and filed and the goal of reviewing the Refund Policy and whether there a No-Show penalty assessed be added.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS

**LARRY H. LAYTON SCHOOL OF LAW – REQUEST TO WITHDRAWAL
REGISTRATION**

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the request of Dean Larry Layton that the registration of the Larry H. Layton School of Law be terminated be granted, effective the date of this meeting of the Committee; that the law school's name be removed from the list of registered, unaccredited law schools as maintained by the State Bar of California; and that, as the owner of the law school, Dean Layton be designated the permanent custodian of the law school's records and student transcripts and be required to provide such records and transcripts upon the future request of any former student or graduate of the law school.

2016 ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT SUMMARIES RE
REGISTERED UNACCREDITED LAW SCHOOLS

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the summaries of the 2016 Annual Compliance Reports filed by each California registered, unaccredited law school be received and filed.

AMERICAN HERITAGE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW – INSPECTION REPORT
AND MAJOR CHANGE REQUEST

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the request of the American Heritage University School of law for the prior approval in the proposed change of its ownership be granted and that the school's period of probation be terminated.

NOTICE OF CHANGES IN LAW SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

It was by common consent agreed that the notice from Lincoln Law School of San Jose of the appointments of Andrew Phillips as Vice Dean of Operations and Finance; Paula Rowe as Assistant Dean of Administration; Stephanie Kain Ferrill as Associate Dean of Academic and Faculty Affairs; and Kimberly Zea as Registrar, effective February 1, 2017, be received and filed.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF SAN FRANCISCO
INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the Application for Registration of the San Francisco University College of Law as an unaccredited, fixed-facility law school be received and filed; that, as provided by Rule 4.221(B) of the *Unaccredited Law School Rules*, an inspection of the law school be scheduled to take place within the next sixty days; and that a report of that inspection be prepared and submitted for consideration by the Committee at a future meeting.

HUMPHREYS COLLEGE LAURENCE DRIVON SCHOOL OF LAW –
CHANGE REQUEST RE NAME CHANGE

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the request for prior approval of a major change submitted by Humphreys College Laurence Drivon School of Law, pursuant to Rules 4.164 of the *Accredited Law School Rules*, that would permit it to change its name to Humphreys University Drivon School of Law, be received and filed and that the request be granted.

2016 – 2017 SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS

It was by common consent agreed that the 2016 – 2017 goals for the Subcommittee on Educational Standards be received and filed and that the goal of considering whether there should be a moratorium on the registration of new law schools be added.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON MORAL CHARACTER

2016 – 2017 SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS

It was by common consent agreed that the 2016 – 2017 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 5:05 p.m., Friday, March 17, 2017.