

PUBLIC MINUTES

THE COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS

OF

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

July 31, 2017

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 open session at 11:00 a.m., Monday, July 31, 2017, in a meeting room at the State Bar offices in Los Angeles, Karen M. Goodman, Chair, presiding. The meeting was a joint meeting with the Board of Trustees Committee on Admissions and Education.

Officers and members present were: Karen M. Goodman, Chair; Jeanne C. Vanderhoff, Vice-Chair; James A. Bolton, Ph.D., James H. Efting, Dolores Heisinger, Erika Hiramatsu, Larry Kaplan, Paul A. Kramer, Alexander C. Lawrence, Jr., Sandhya Ramadas, Larry Sheingold, David A. Torres, Patricia M. Villalobos, and Lee H. Wallach, Members. Absent were members Traci C. Belmore, Robert S. Brody and Michelle Domingo.

Board Committee on Admissions and Education officers and members present were: Terrance Flannigan, Chair; Joanna Mendoza, Vice-Chair; James Fox, President, Janet Brewer, Stacie Spector, Brandon Stallings, Alan Steinbrecher, Members.

State Bar staff members in attendance were: Gayle E. Murphy, Director III, Admissions, Amy C. Nuñez, Director I, Admissions, George C. Leal, Program Manager, Educational Standards, Lisa Jeong Cummins, Program Manager, Examinations, Kim Wong, Administrative Supervisor, Destie Overpeck, Assistant General Counsel, Elizabeth Parker, Executive Director, Leah Wilson, Chief Operating Officer, Ron Pi, Principal Program Analyst, and Justin Ewert, Principal Program Analyst.

Others present were: Chad Buckendahl, Ph.D., Dean Mitchel Winick, Greg Brandes, Dean Ira Spiro, Dean Gilbert Holmes, Dean Susan Westerberg Prager, Dean Darrin Greitzer, Dean Michael Clancey, Dean Stephen Ferruolo, Associate Dean Steven Bracci, Bridget Gramme, Kimberly Amal, Jessica Parker, Sarah Quinones, Irena Arakelyan, and Sara Randazzo.

CALIFORNIA BAR EXAMINATION CUT SCORE

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the report “Conducting a Standard Setting Study for the California Bar Exam” prepared by Chad Buckendahl, Ph.D. be accepted; that a request be submitted to the Board Committee on Admissions and Education to authorize release of the report and to circulate two options for a public comment period of August 1 – 25, 2017, which will include two public hearings; that the options be: 1) No Change to the current CBX cut score; 2) To propose an interim CBX cut score of 1414 to be used for the July 2017 CBX only; that following the period of public comment, all comments received and the two options be once again considered by the Committee in preparation for submission of a recommendation to the Board of Trustees and ultimately the Supreme Court of California.

ADJOURNMENT

Having concluded all the business scheduled for consideration during the open session of the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m., Monday, July 31, 2017.