



BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

State Bar of Arizona
4201 N. 24th Street, Suite 100
Phoenix, Arizona 85016

September 11, 2019
4:00 p.m.
Cholla Room, First Floor

Minutes (Approved _____)

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

P = Present; T = Present Telephonically; A = Absent

Bradley Jardine - P	Michael Goldberg - P
M. Maureen Anders - P	Abe Lai - T
James Anderson – T	Bridget O'Brien Swartz - T
Troy Bales – T	Elizabeth Ortiz - T
James Cross - P	David Shein - A
Robert Denison – T	Wendi Sorenson - P
Monica Donaldson Stewart - T	

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Sarah Corpening, Membership Administration & Services Manager
Deanna Commack, BLS Administrator
Jessica Thomas, Administrative Law Section
Camila Alarcon, Administrative Law Section

Minutes taken by Deanna Commack

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Bradley Jardine, Chair
Time: 4:04 p.m.

2. Call to the Public

No members of the public were present.

3. Review and Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the August 14, 2019 – General Session meeting were reviewed.
The minutes of the August 14, 2019 – Executive Session were reviewed
Motion for approval by: James Cross
Seconded by: Michael Goldberg
Motion: Passed

4. Executive Session 4:08 p.m.

Motion to move into Executive Session by: Robert Denison
Second by: James Cross
Motion: Passed

5. Reconvene into Open Session. 4:09 p.m.

Motion to reconvene into open session by: Wendi Sorenson
Second by: James Cross
Motion: Passed

Consideration of Advisory Commission recommendations for Initial Certification Specialists in the following areas:

Bankruptcy Law Advisory Commission

Recommendation to certify Audrey Thomas as a specialist in Bankruptcy Law

Motion to accept the recommendation of the Bankruptcy Law Advisory commission:
By: Wendi Sorenson
Second: James Cross
Motion Passed
Recusals: None

6. Advisory Commissions update on Peer Review Confidentiality

M. Maureen Anders and James Cross have been working as team to review and re-write the letter to the court regarding Peer Reviews. They requested that State Bar Staff assist by providing current applications to allow them to review current language on Peer Reviews. James Cross made a point that since the court made the decision to make Peer Reviews available to applicants, responses to requests have dropped off. Bradley Jardine requested that the draft of the letter be ready for other board members to review in approximately two weeks.

7. Request for New Areas of Specialization Jessica Thomas/Camila Alarcon
(Section X – BLS Rules & Regulations)

Jessica Thomas and Camila Alarcon, both members of the Administrative Law Section, introduced themselves and provided information regarding “The Sections” pursuit to establish a new area of specialty in Administrative Law. Questions were welcomed from Board Members and answered by Ms. Thomas and Ms. Alarcon. BLS Chair, Bradley Jardine, tasked Wendi Sorenson and Michael Goldberg to review the proposed Administrative Law Specialization Standards for certification and make recommendations to BLS.

8. Date of next meeting – October 16, 2019

9. Motion to adjourn:

By: James Cross
Second: Michael Goldberg
Meeting adjourned: 4:40 p.m.