



BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

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

August 14, 2019
4:00 p.m.
Cholla Room, First Floor

Minutes (Approved September 11, 2019)

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

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

OTHER ATTENDEES:

State Bar Staff: Sarah Corpening, Membership Administration & Services Manager
Deanna Commack, BLS Administrator

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 July 10, 2019 General Session meeting were reviewed, no corrections needed
The minutes of the July 10, 2019 Executive Session were reviewed, no corrections needed
Motion for approval by: Bridget O'Brien Swartz
Seconded by: Wendi Sorenson
Motion: Passed

4. Executive Session 4:06 p.m.

Motion to move into Executive Session by: Wendi Sorenson

Second by: Bridget O'Brien Swartz
Motion: Passed

5. Reconvene into Open Session. 4:08 pm

Motion to reconvene into open session by: Bridget O'Brien Swartz
Second by: Wendi Sorenson
Motion: Passed

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

Estate and Trust Law Advisory Commission

Recommendation to certify Jacquelyne J. Mingle as a specialist in Estate and Trust Law

Motion to accept the recommendation of the Estate and Trust Law Advisory commission:
By: Wendi Sorenson
Second: Robert Denison
Motion Passed
Recusal by: Bridget O'Brien Swartz

Real Estate Law Advisory Commission

Recommendation to certify Patrick J. Davis as a specialist in Real Estate Law

Motion to accept the recommendation of the Real Estate Law Advisory commission:
By: Wendi Sorenson
Second: Robert Denison
Motion Passed

Motion to accept the Family Law Advisory Commission recommendation for denial of certification to a candidate who failed the exam:

By: Wendi Sorenson
Second: Robert Denison
Motion Passed

Criminal Law Advisory Commission

Recommendation to recertify Donald W. MacPherson as a specialist in Criminal Law.

Motion to accept the recommendations from the Criminal Law Advisory Commissions
By: Wendi Sorenson
Second: Bridget O'Brien Swartz
Motion: Passed

6. Advisory Commissions update on Peer Review Confidentiality

Bradley Jardine briefed board members on the status of Peer Review Confidentiality. He relayed that 2-3 weeks prior he reached out to M. Maureen Anders and James Cross to draft a formalized letter to the court. James is conducting research with the assistance of

Maureen. A draft of the proposed request should be completed within the next several weeks and will be sent to BLS members for further discussion at the next meeting

7. Process for Establishing New Areas of Specialization

Deanna Commack and Sarah Corpening informed the board of an anticipated request for a new specialization in the area of Administrative Law. They expect to have the application for discussion at the next meeting.

8. Date of next meeting – September 11, 2019

9. Motion to adjourn:

By: Bradley Jardine

Second: Wendi Sorenson

Meeting adjourned: 4:28 p.m.