



BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

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

February 13, 2019
4:00 p.m.
Cholla Room, First Floor

Minutes (Approved March 13, 2019)

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

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

OTHER ATTENDEES:

State Bar Staff: Patrick Braatz

Minutes taken by Patrick Braatz

1. Call to Order

Called to order by: Bradley Jardine, Chair
Time: 4:04 p.m.

2. Call to the Public

Danny Goldberg, present as a guest only.

3. Review and Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting were reviewed.
Motion for approval by: Michael Goldberg
Seconded by: Wendi Sorenson
Motion: Passed

The minutes of the January 9, 2019 Executive Session meeting were reviewed.
Motion for approval by: Michael Goldberg
Seconded by: Wendi Sorenson
Motion: Passed

4. Appointment of Vice-Chair

Chair Jardine asked if there were any volunteers or nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. James Cross volunteered.

Chair Jardine asked if there was anyone else who wished to volunteer or be nominated, no other names were presented.

Chair Jardine asked the members to vote in favor of James Cross as the Vice Chair of the BLS Board and all voted in the affirmative. James Cross will serve as the BLS Vice-Chair.

5. Update on Advisory Commissions on Standards Review

Patrick Braatz reported that 4 of the Advisory Commissions have submitted a written report on the review of the current standards, they are Bankruptcy, Criminal Law, Real Estate and Workers' Compensation. The other 4 Advisory Commission have been working on the review and he will reach out to them to remind them that the deadline for submitting comments is February 28, 2019.

6. Letter from Real Estate Advisory Commission

Chair Jardine reviewed the letter by from the Real Estate Law Advisory Commission regarding the recent change that Peer Reviews were no longer confidential to the applicants. It was decided that Chair Jardine would contact the other 7 Advisory Commissions and seek their input and then report back at the March and April Meeting.

7. Executive Session. 4:34 PM

Motion to move into Executive Session by: Michael Goldberg
Second by: Wendi Sorenson
Motion: Passed

8. Reconvene into Open Session. 4:45PM

Motion to reconvene into open session by: Michael Goldberg
Second by: Wendi Sorenson
Motion: Passed

9. Consideration of Advisory Commission recommendations for Recertification and Certification as Specialists in the following areas:

Tax Law Advisory Commission
20 Recertification Candidates

Criminal Law Advisory Commission
11 Recertification Candidates

Workers' Compensation Law Advisory Commission
5 Recertification Candidates

Family Law Advisory Commission
12 Recertification Candidates

Motion to accept the recommendations from the Tax Law, Criminal Law, Workers' Compensation Law and Family Law Advisory Commissions to recertify the list of specialists as presented by: Michael Goldberg
Second by: Wendi Sorenson
Motion: Passed

Workers' Compensation Law Advisory Commission
1 Initial Certification Candidate

Motion to allow candidate to sit for the 2019 Worker's Compensation Law Specialists Examination and if successful the candidate would need to complete the requisite hours of practice before being certified by: Wendi Sorenson
Seconded by: Maureen Anders
Motion: Passed

9. Date of next meeting – March 13, 2019

10. Meeting adjourned: 4:46 p.m.