



BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

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

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 - 4:00 p.m.
via **Zoom**

MINUTES - APPROVED

Approved February 8, 2023

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

P = Present; Z = Present via Zoom; T = Present Telephonically; A = Absent

Wendi Sorensen - Z

James Cross - Z

James Anderson – Z

Cynthia Braun - Z

Robert Denison – A

Michael Goldberg – Z

Kimberly Heldt - Z

Phoebe Moffatt – A

Blake Moscatello - T

Jeffrey Neff - A

Elizabeth Ortiz - A

Teresa Welborn - Z

State Bar Staff: Roberta Tepper; Randal Westbury

Guest: Teresa Sanzio – Administrative Law Advisory Commission member

Minutes taken by: Randal Westbury

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Wendi Sorensen
4:03 p.m.

2. Call to the Public –

Teresa Sanzio

3. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the August 10, 2022 General Session meeting were reviewed.

Motion for approval by: Jim Cross

Second by: Cynthia Braun

Chair calls for vote: Unanimous, motion passes

The minutes of the August 10, 2022 Executive Session meeting were reviewed.

Motion for approval by: Jim Anderson

Second by: Jim Cross

Chair calls for vote: Unanimous, motion passes

4. Administrative Law Update:

The discussion opened with Jim Cross and Michael Goldberg presenting. The committee invited an outside professional, Dr. Scott Hagerman, to review the exam. Dr. Hagerman is with the Tanque Valley Unified School District. After reviewing the exam, Dr. Hagerman determined that the exam was not fair and did not properly test the knowledge of an Administrative Law Specialist. The Committee recommends the exam be revised and possibly grouped under sub-specialties. Jim Cross commented that the Administrative Law specialty is a broad-area, and this was a concern with the previous exam. Jim Cross also added that the exam contained a large portion of lobbying questions and there is a possibility that some Administrative lawyers never become involved with lobbying. Jim Cross recommended that the Administrative Law exam be broken down into sub-specialties and also added that the same sub-specialties are used for Real Estate Law. There were also legitimate concerns from previous exam takers regarding the overall areas of the exam.

Jim Cross explained that there are two components of the exam. 1) Multiple Choice questions and 2) the Essay portion. The Committee's recommendation is that both components need to be tested and evaluated as under the previous regime, the essay portion was not graded. The BLS Administrator has reached out to the Assistant Professor of Administrative Law at ASU for his review of the exam. Jim Cross concluded that the committee will meet with the Advisory Commission to discuss how to revise the exam and if there should be sub-specialties. Wendi Sorensen commented that the BLS will continue to work with the Commission. Teresa Sanzio thanked the BLS for their support.

5. Motion to move into Executive Session for purposes of reviewing recommendations certification:

Motion by: Jim Cross

Second by: Cynthia Braun

Chair calls for vote: Unanimous, motion passes

Convene into Executive Session

4:11 pm.

Reconvene to General Session

4:19 pm

6. Motion to approve the initial certification recommendation of Criminal Law Advisory Commission for:

1) Michael Alarid

By: Cynthia Braun

Second: Jim Cross

Chair calls for recusals: none

Chair calls for discussion: none

Chair call for vote: Unanimous, motion passes

7. Motion to approve the recertification recommendations of Criminal Law Advisory Commission for:

- 1) Michael Bernays
- 2) Richard Bock
- 3) Dwane Cates
- 4) Lawrence Kazan
- 5) Robert McWhirter
- 6) Craig Penrod
- 7) Tonya Peterson
- 8) Lee Phillips
- 9) Jonathan Sands
- 10) Mark Weingart
- 11) Michael Yecevicus

By: Jim Anderson

Second: Jim Cross

Chair calls for recusals: none

Chair calls for discussion: none

Chair call for vote: Unanimous, motion passes

8. Date of next meeting: February 8, 2023

9. Adjourn – 4:23 pm