



BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

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

July 10, 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 - T
M. Maureen Anders - T	Abe Lai - T
James Anderson - A	Bridget O'Brien Swartz - T
Troy Bales - T	Elizabeth Ortiz - A
James Cross - P	David Shein - T
Robert Denison - A	Wendi Sorenson - P
Monica Donaldson Stewart - A	

OTHER ATTENDEES:

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

Minutes taken by Sarah Corpening

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Bradley Jardine, Chair
Time: 4:02 p.m.

2. Introduction of Deanna Commack, BLS Administrator

Deanna was welcomed by BLS and gave a brief summary of her background.

3. Call to the Public

No members of the public were present.

4. Review and Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the June 12, 2019 – General Session meeting were reviewed. One typo correction needed

The minutes of the June 12, 2019 Executive Session were reviewed, no corrections needed

Motion for approval by: James Cross

Seconded by: Maureen Anders

Motion: Passed

5. Executive Session 4:07pm

Motion to move into Executive Session by: Wendi Sorenson
Second by: James Cross
Motion: Passed

6. Reconvene into Open Session. 4:12pm

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:

Family Law Advisory Commission

Recommendation to certify Norma Izzo as a specialist in Family Law

Motion to accept the recommendation of the Family Law Advisory commission:
By: Wendi Sorenson
Second: James Cross
Motion Passed

Recommendation to deny certification to an applicant who did not meet the criteria for substantial involvement in Family Law.

Motion to accept the Family Law Advisory Commission recommendation for denial of certification to the candidate:
By: James Cross
Second: David Shein
Motion Passed

Real Estate Advisory Commission

Recommendation to certify Todd Adkins as a specialist in Real Estate Law.

Motion to accept the recommendations from the Real Estate Advisory Commissions
By: James Cross
Second: Wendi Sorenson

Recusal by David Shein

Motion: Passed

7. Advisory Commissions update on Peer Review Confidentiality

Brad Jardine distributed a draft letter to the Court on behalf of BLS he prepared regarding the disclosure of peer review to applicants and the chilling effect this change in the BLS Rules and Regulations is having on the process

Discussion regarding the process to revise the BLS Rules and Regulations, and suggestion that the letter be used as the argument in support of a revision to the Rules & Regulations was made by Sarah Corpening.

Feedback and comments from BLS are requested, in particular with respect to ameliorating the due process concerns of the Court.

8. MCLE Regulations – Certified Specialists

David Shein reviewed prior BLS minutes and was unable to locate any formal action taken by BLS with respect to advanced level CLE credit for specialists. The work around as proposed by MCLE Administrator, Mona Fontes, as a solution is workable and the MCLE Affidavit system on the State Bar website is working as it should.

David will prepare of memo for the BLS records in the event this matter comes up again in the future.

9. Date of next meeting – August 14, 2019

10. Motion to adjourn:

By: James Cross

Second: Wendi Sorenson

Meeting adjourned: 4:28 p.m.