

MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2020

Members Present: Interim Chair Doug Walsh, Trena Berton, Michele Carney, Michael Cherry, Prof. George Critchlow, Sonya Kraski, Amber Rush, Gary Swearingen, Mir Tariq, Jennifer Unger, and Joseph Williams.

Members Excused: Brooks Goode and Prof. Drew Simshaw.

Also Attending: Sunitha Anjilvel (BOG Liaison), Ellen Reed (ATJTC Liaison), Michelle Lucas (ATJ Liaison), Julie Shankland (WSBA General Counsel), and Kyla Jones (WSBA Paralegal).

1. MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 19, 2020 minutes. The motion passed, with one abstention.

2. UPDATES

• Public Records Request – Attorney General’s Office

The disc from the Attorney General’s Office that contains the first batch of the records request documents is at the WSBA Office. Julie Shankland will get the contents of the disc to Michael Cherry. WSBA has paid for the second disc which contains the second batch of documents.

• Courthouse Facilitators

Julie Shankland will review the draft proposed communication to be sent out to stakeholders. There will be a report on this at the May meeting.

• Legal Health Check-Up

There will be a report on the status of this project at the May meeting after further discussion.

3. PRESENTATION by Michael Cherry

Committee Member Michael Cherry provided materials and a presentation on the legal services market in Washington State.

4. Discussion of COVID-19 Impact

The Board discussed what various courts and consumers are doing amidst the COVID-19 emergency. The Board discussed online legal services and remote work during this time.



5. Next Meeting

The Board will hold a one-hour, telephonic meeting on May 21, 2020 from 12-1 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made and seconded to enter Executive Session.

A motion was made and seconded to end the Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned.