

LIMITED LICENSE LEGAL TECHNICIAN (LLLT) BOARD

Meeting Minutes for August 10, 2020

Remote meeting only (held via Zoom)

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

LLLT Board Members in Attendance:

- Stephen Crossland, Chair
- Zachary Ashby
- Sarah Bove
- Catherine Brown
- Christy Carpenter
- Stacy Davis
- Stephanie Delaney
- Charlotte Frock
- Nancy Ivarinen
- Andrea Jarmon

- Crystal Lambert-Schroeder
- Carolyn McKinnon (Ex Officio)
- Jennifer Ortega
- Jennifer Petersen
- Judith Potter
- Amy Riedel

WSBA Staff in Attendance:

- Renata de Carvalho Garcia
- Rachel Konkler
- Bobby Henry

Others in Attendance During Some or All of the Meeting:

Terra Nevitt (Interim Executive Director).

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Call to Order / Preliminary Matters

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

Approval of July 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The July 13, 2020 LLLT Board meeting minutes were approved.

Outreach Update

Jennifer Petersen shared that she was recently interviewed by the Utah State Bar about the LLLT program.



Steve Crossland and Christy Carpenter participated in a call with Chief Justice Stephens of the Washington Supreme Court, and Paula Hanford from the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). The NCSC has been conducting a study of the LLLT program and has requested assistance with obtaining data from at least 30 LLLT clients. The Board is seeking further advice, and possibly an ethics opinion on the propriety of sharing client data.

Steve also spoke with the author of a Seattle Times article that was recently published about the LLLT program. He requested a correction to a statement that was made in the article regarding the LLLT “pipeline” of potential candidates who are working on their LLLT licensing requirements.

Steve and Renata recently spoke with the California State Bar taskforce considering a similar limited license to practice law.

Program Pipeline Updates and Next Steps

The Board discussed the planned phasing out of the LLLT license and the impacts on potential candidates, college students, and community college programs. The Board acknowledged that the standard phase-out period for college programs is three years, and that several colleges have already written to the Supreme Court with feedback.

There are approximately 50 people confirmed to be working on the LLLT license before the new licensing deadline. This number is not official or exact, and was determined based on communication between LLLT candidates and staff. Staff rely on candidates to notify WSBA that they are working on licensure before the deadline.

Sarah Bove shared information about the National Federation of Paralegal Association’s Assurance of Learning partnership program. It is up to the colleges to work with the NFPA to establish this partnership. WSBA staff were asked to provide general information to their community college contacts for informational purposes only.

On August 6, the Board submitted a request to the Court that the Paralegal Core Competency Exam requirement be waived.

Update on Draft APR Amendments

Bobby shared draft amendments to the Admission and Practice Rules conforming with the recent changes to the LLLT program. The proposed amendments will be provided to the Court next week. The Court has indicated that the draft rule amendments would be published for public comment.

Nancy asked that a comment be added requesting that the PCC exam requirement be waived.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

