LIMITED LICENSE LEGAL TECHNICIAN (LLLT) BOARD

Meeting Minutes for June 8, 2020

Washington State Bar Association

Remote meeting

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

LLLT Board Members in Attendance:

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| [x]  Stephen Crossland, Chair  | [x]  Crystal Lambert-Schroeder  |
| [x]  Zachary Ashby  | [x]  Carolyn McKinnon (Ex Officio) |
| [x]  Sarah Bove | [x]  Jennifer Ortega |
| [ ]  Catherine Brown  | [x]  Jennifer Petersen |
| [x]  Christy Carpenter | [x]  Judith Potter |
| [x]  Stacy Davis | [x] Amy Riedel |
| [ ] Stephanie Delaney  |  |
| [ ] Charlotte Frock | WSBA Staff in Attendance: |
| [x]  Nancy Ivarinen | [x]  Renata de Carvalho Garcia |
| [ ]  Andrea Jarmon | [x]  Katherine Skinner |
|  | [x]  Jean McElroy[x]  Terra Nevitt |

Others in Attendance During Some or All of the Meeting Including LLLTs and LLLT Candidates:

Tonyha Davies, Laura Genoves, Lesli Ashley, Miryam Gordon, Tamara Garrison, Priscilla Selden, Mirisa Bradbury, Angela (last name unknown), Kellie Dightman, Laura Genoves, Barbara Esselstrom, and Nancy Hawkins.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**Call to Order / Preliminary Matters**

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m.

**Letter from the Supreme Court re Decision to Sunset the LLLT Program**

Steve Crossland invited attendees to provide their thoughts and reactions to the letter from the Supreme Court regarding its decision to sunset the LLLT program. Many expressed surprise and disappointment with the Court’s decision, as well as a concern about the lack of due process as stakeholders and the general public were not given an opportunity to be heard.

**LLLT perspective:** LLLTs expressed that they were taken aback by the Court’s decision. Although secure in their licenses, they feel as though the Court failed to consider how much time it takes to obtain a LLLT license.

**Candidate perspective:** Among the LLLT candidates who provided input, many expressed confusion and shock. Some of the candidates shared that they will not be able to obtain all licensure requirements by the deadline set by the Court.

**Community College perspective:** Mirisa Bradbury, Paralegal Program Director and Faculty

at Spokane Community College, conveyed that her students are confused and unsure of what to do considering they are working towards LLLT licensure but are unable to meet the deadline set by the Court. She also noted that many of her students took out personal loans and applied for financial aid. She feels that clarification is needed to re-assure the current students that they will be given enough time to complete their remaining requirements for LLLT licensure.

Board members, LLLTs and candidates seem to agree that the July 21, 2021 deadlines set by the Court is unrealistic.

**Next steps:** The Board discussed what actions should be taken as a response to the letter from the Court, especially considering the impact it has on those in the pipeline who are unable to complete the requirements by the July 31, 2021 deadline. The Board decided to seek reconsideration and, at a minimum, an extension of the deadline to ensure those already in the pipeline are given an opportunity to complete all licensing requirements, including testing and the 3,000 hours of work experience.

Renata Garcia noted that staff will need to send out communication to those in the pipeline and suggested the Board draft an email.

The Board will work on drafting a response to the letter from the Court, along with drafting communication to colleges, LLLT students and those in the pipeline.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 pm.