

Minutes
January 10, 2020

The meeting of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board was called to order by Chair Asia Wright at 10:01 AM on Friday, January 10, 2020. Board members in attendance were:

Asia Wright, Chair
Ayanna Colman, via phone
Chris Bueter
Robert Malae
Melissa Skelton
Merri Hartse

Liaisons and Staff attending were:

Adelaine Shay	MCLE Manager/MCLE Board Staff Liaison
Jean McElroy	Chief Regulatory Counsel, Regulatory Services
Gabriel Moore	MCLE Analyst
Russell Knight, via phone	Board of Governors Liaison

Review of Minutes for October 4, 2019

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes from their October 4, 2019 meeting.

Discussion of Washington Supreme Court's decision on suggested APR 11 Ethics Amendment

The MCLE Board discussed the Washington Supreme Court's vote to reject their suggested rule change. The Board approved by motion to appoint a subcommittee to explore a revised suggested rule change. The subcommittee will explore suggesting a required equity and diversity credit. The subcommittee members are Robert Malae, Christopher Bueter, and Todd Alberstone.

Course Audit Reports

The Board heard reports from Asia Wright on her audits of *Becoming a Board Director: What Attorneys Should Know* and *Drafting Prenuptial Agreements*, and from Gabriel Moore on his audit of *Washington Family Law for Paralegals & LLLTs*. The Board was also provided with a written copy of former Board member Andrew Benjamin's audit of *Washington State Association for Justice's 2019 Convention*.

Board Recruitment

Adelaine Shay provided procedural information on recruiting new members for the MCLE Board.

MCLE Board April 2020 Schedule

Adelaine Shay explained the timeline for the pre-suspension process and how there may be a need for a later April meeting, if any undue hardship petitions are received between the April 3rd MCLE Board meeting and the undue hardship petition deadline of April 6, 2020. The MCLE Board opted for second meeting in the month of April in lieu of rescheduling the existing meeting. If the meeting is not needed to review petitions, it will be cancelled.

MCLE Board Activity Reviews

The Board decided by motion on three members requested review of accreditation decisions. No listing of this motion is included in order to protect member confidentiality.

Writing Credits Over Two Reporting Periods

MCLE Board decided by motion to allow the MCLE Manager to move writing credits forward to the reporting period when the writing is published, whenever a member's work dates and publication date straddle two reporting periods. These decisions will all be reported to the MCLE Board for review at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

MCLE Petitions

The Board approved Staff Liaison decisions on nine petitions. The Board reviewed and decided by motion on two petitions. No listing of these motions is included in order to protect member confidentiality.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the Board meeting was adjourned at 11:40 PM. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be at 10:00 AM on Friday, April 3, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



Adelaine Shay
MCLE Board Staff Liaison