

Minutes
April 9, 2021

The meeting of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board was called to order by Board Chair Ayanna Colman at 10:02 AM on Friday, April 9, 2021. This meeting was held via videoconference. Board members in attendance were:

Ayanna Colman, Chair
Todd Alberstone, Vice Chair
Sunitha Anjilvel, BOG Liaison
Chris Bueter
Melissa Skelton
Robert Malae

Liaisons and Staff in attendance were:

Adelaine Shay	MCLE Manager/MCLE Board Staff Liaison
Katherine Skinner	Innovative Licensing Specialist
Michael Tonkin	MCLE Analyst

Review of Minutes for January 8, 2021

The MCLE Board reviewed the minutes from the January 8, 2021 meeting. The Board approved without change.

Discussion: Suggested Amendment to APR 11

The MCLE Board discussed its outreach to various stakeholders in order to solicit comments for the Washington Supreme Court. The Board directed MCLE staff to send reminder emails about the Court’s open comment period to stakeholders previously contacted, and to remind all stakeholders of the April 30, 2021 deadline to submit.

Discussion: TAXICAB Update

The MCLE Board heard an update from Board member Robert Malae regarding the newly-established “Task Force Team Administering Xenial Involvement with Court Appointed Boards” (TAXICAB) workgroup. At their March 5, 2021 meeting, the workgroup discussed a potential amendment to General Rule (GR) 12.3 and other efforts to improve communication between WSBA entities.

Discussion: MCLE Updates

The MCLE Staff Liaison provided general updates with MCLE, including: the MCLE budget, new MCLE system delay, MCLE Board recruitment, and the eventual recruitment of an MCLE analyst. The MCLE Board discussed the potential influx of petitions of undue hardship, due to simultaneous certification of the extended 2018-2021 reporting period, and the 2019-2021 reporting. The MCLE Board directed staff to add the current petition decision matrix to the August 6, 2021 meeting agenda, and to explore ways to improve petition review in the case of high request volume.

The MCLE Board heard from the Innovative Licensing Specialist--Katherine Skinner--regarding MCLE credit for Law Clerk tutors. The MCLE Board expressed interest in working with the Law Clerk Board to suggest a rule change that would allow teaching credit for tutors. The MCLE Board stated it would revisit this discussion at the May 21, 2021 meeting.

MCLE Board Activity Review

The MCLE Board decided by motion on a WSBA member request to review an accreditation decision. No listing of this motion is included in order to protect member confidentiality.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM. The next regularly scheduled MCLE Board meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, May 21, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



Adelaine Shay
MCLE Board Staff Liaison