

**Minutes**

October 17, 2025

The meeting of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board was called to order by Board Chair Darryl Colman at 10:03 A.M. on Friday, October 17, 2025. The meeting occurred in-person and via videoconference. Board members in attendance were:

Darryl Colman (Chair)  
Katie Denmark  
Nicole Meyer  
Efrem Krisher  
Henry Phillips  
Brendon Taga

Liaisons and Staff in attendance:

Adelaine Shay	MCLE Board Staff Liaison
Ingo Mendes	MCLE Analyst
Charlotte Stanhope-Myers	MCLE Analyst
Suzanna Šegulja	MCLE Analyst
Kristina Larry	BOG Liaison

**Review of Minutes**

The MCLE Board reviewed the minutes from the August 8, 2025, meeting. The Board approved the minutes unanimously. Brandon and Nicole abstained as they were not present.

**MCLE Board Orientation**

Brief orientation to MCLE Board. MCLE Staff Liaison went over example of court and board structure. Liaison summarized the MCLE Board history since its founding in 1977 and covered MCLE Board logistics such as the meetings which occur 5 times a year. The Admission and Practice Rule (APR)11 were summarized by the Staff Liaison, along with duties, powers and responsibilities of the Board.

MCLE Board Chair summarized the roles and responsibilities of the Board, such as preferred meeting methods, review of meeting materials, course auditing, collaboration between staff and Board members.

Staff liaison summarized role of MCLE Board chair, Board of Governors liaison and the MCLE Board Staff Liaison. MCLE Staff Liaison summarized MCLE requirements in WA, such as credit deadlines, certifications, fees, hardship petitions, etc.

### Board Goals and Discussion

MCLE Staff summarized the recent goals discussed by the MCLE Board. Staff displayed the draft webpage dedicated to Free and Low Cost MCLE's. Feedback regarding the page was positive, with Board members suggesting stronger ways to advertise free CLE's, such as e-mails notices or a board on the MCLE website. Increasing awareness of free CLE's is priority. MCLE Board discussed possibility to improve the CLE search on MCLE Board site so that it is easy to search for free-for-all-attendees courses that are approved and have not occurred yet.

MCLE Board discussed Comity certificate goals. Staff went over current rule as related to Boise Protocol. Specific rules in OR, ID and UT were summarized. Board continued discussion of including Colorado as a comity state, since requirements are similar to Washington. Colorado all-inclusive comity policy means that there is in essence already the possibility to reach compliance between both states with a certificate. Motion was put forward to begin the process of suggesting a rule amendment to approve Colorado as a comity state. MCLE Board approved unanimously. Long-term goals were slightly updated to match this goal, and MCLE Board members Efreem Krisher and Darryl Colman volunteered to work on a first draft of an MCLE Board report and recommendation for the potential suggested amendment to APR 11 to add Colorado as a comity state.

MCLE Board showed interest in discussing a more open policy towards comity in the future. Board motioned to add a long-term goal and explore a more inclusive policy in the future. Approved unanimously.

MCLE Board Subcommittee explored amendment to APR11(e) to include high school and undergraduate mock trial competitions as an option for CLE credit. The subcommittee presented a first draft of potential language to amend APR11(d) and add APR11(e)(11). MCLE Board approved the draft language for the potential suggested amendment unanimously. MCLE Board members Katie Denmark and Henry Phillips volunteered to work on the first draft of the MCLE Board report and recommendation pertaining to a possible suggested amendment to APR11d &(e).

### MCLE Updates

Staff liaison updated Board on certification, which has been open since June. Staff outlined recent CLE Regulators Conference, with a specific session highlighted regarding adult education. Discussion will continue related to bringing this information to board.

Next meeting will be January 9<sup>th</sup>, remote only. There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Adelaine Shay  
MCLE Board Staff