

Minutes

January 9, 2026

The meeting of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board was called to order by Board Chair Darryl Colman at 10:07 A.M. on Friday, January 9, 2026. 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 (Joined at 10:15 AM)
Justin Durueke

Liaisons and Staff in attendance:

Adelaine Shay	MCLE Board Staff Liaison
Ransom Smith	MCLE Analyst
Kristina Larry	BOG Liaison

Review of Minutes

The MCLE Board reviewed the minutes from the October 17, 2025, meeting. The Board approved the minutes unanimously.

Report and Recommendation for Suggested Amendment to APR 11 regarding Colorado Comity

The MCLE Board unanimously approved the Report and Recommendation draft for a suggested amendment that would extend comity recognition to Colorado due to significant overlap in credit requirements with Washington. Following the approval, the Board discussed the implementation timeline and the appropriate timing for public comment which was set to open in March and close before the next annual meeting with the Washington Supreme Court sometime in May. The Board also considered the possibility of including the Colorado Bar in the feedback process.

Report and Recommendation for Suggested Amendment to APR 11 regarding Credit for High-School and College Mock Trial Judging and Evaluating

The MCLE Board unanimously approved the Report and Recommendation draft for a suggested amendment that would permit credit to be earned for participating in a mock trial or moot court at a high school and college level as a judge or evaluator. One of the conditions for becoming credit-eligible would be approval of the mock trial/moot court by the MCLE Board according to approval standards that will be developed. As part of this discussion, the Board contemplated likely stakeholders who would be affected by this amendment including the YMCA,

undergraduate mock trial programs in the state, and Washington law schools and how to solicit their feedback as the amendment advances.

MCLE Updates

Staff liaison updated Board on certification, which had reached a 45.23% compliance rate as of January 2, 2026, discussed plans for the organization with the Court that include all Supreme Court Boards (including MCLE), provided a MCLE budget summary, and presented the schedule for upcoming Board meetings.

Petitions

The MCLE Board reviewed and decided by motion 28 staff liaison undue hardship petition decisions. The MCLE Board reviewed and decided by motion on the 28 petitions. No listing of these motions is included to protect member confidentiality.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 AM. The next regularly scheduled MCLE Board meeting will be held on April 17th in a hybrid in-person and videoconference format.

Respectfully submitted,
Adelaine Shay
MCLE Board Staff
