

**WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF
MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION**

MINUTES

May 11, 2018

The meeting of the Washington State Board of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education was called to order by Chair Melissa Skelton at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 11, 2018. Board members in attendance were:

Melissa Skelton, Chair
Andrew Lee Benjamin
Scott Bergstedt (via phone)
Asia Wright
John Bender

Liaisons and Staff attending were:

Bobby Henry	Associate Director, RSD
Adelaine Shay	MCLE Manager/MCLE Board Staff Liaison
Renata Garcia	RSD Manager
Nina Cohen	MCLE Analyst
Gabe Moore	MCLE Analyst

Review of Minutes for April 13, 2018

The MCLE Board reviewed and approved the minutes from their April 13, 2018 meeting.

MCLE Hardship Petitions

The Board reviewed and decided on one member petition. No listing of this decision is included in these minutes to protect the confidentiality of the member. The Board reviewed a petition from an inactive member and decided that the MCLE Board cannot accept petitions from non-active members as this is outside of their authority based on APR 11(b)(5) definition of “lawyer” and APR 11(i)(5) clarification of an active lawyer’s right to file a petition.

Hearing

The Board held three APR 11(i)(7) hearings and moved on decisions. The Board will issue findings of fact and order and will provide each lawyer with copies of the same.

Course Audit Report

The Board heard a report from Andrew Benjamin on his audit of Seattle U School of Law’s course, “The Civility Promise CLE Seminar in Tuscany”.

Budget & Audit Committee Memo Revision

As the Budget & Audit Committee memo was revised from when it was first presented to the MCLE Board at its 4/13/18 meeting, the MCLE Manager provided updates and clarification.

Accredited Sponsor Audits

The Board chair suggested for Board members to audit upcoming accredited sponsor courses in an effort to maintain the high standards set for accredited sponsors.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the MCLE Board meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 17, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,



Adelaine Shay
MCLE Board Staff Liaison