

Minutes
August 28, 2019

The meeting of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board was called to order by Vice-Chair Asia Wright at 9:03 am on Wednesday, August 28, 2019. Board members in attendance were:

Asia Wright, Vice-Chair via phone
Todd Alberstone
Ayanna Colman, via phone
Andrew Lee Benjamin, via phone
John Bender, via phone
Melissa Skelton, via phone
Rebecca Stewart-LeVon, via phone

Liaisons and Staff attending were:

Adelaine Shay	MCLE Manager/MCLE Board Staff Liaison
Jean McElroy	Chief Regulatory Counsel
Gabriel Moore	MCLE Analyst
Michael Tonkin	MCLE Analyst
Alec Stephens	BOG Liaison

Discussion and Action on Suggested Admission and Practice Rule (APR) 11 Ethics Amendment

The Board discussed the suggested APR 11 amendment. Asia Wright moved to send the suggested amendment to the WSBA Board of Governors for their review. Ayanna Eagan seconded the motion. Asia Wright, Todd Alberstone, Ayanna Colman, John Bender, and Rebecca Stewart-LeVon voted yes. Andrew Lee Benjamin and Melissa Skelton voted no. Andrew Lee Benjamin noted he would have voted yes on a motion that required the first provision with the ‘equity, inclusion, and mitigation of implicit and explicit bias’ portion of the proposal without the other two provisions.

The MCLE Board Subcommittee tasked with writing the suggested amendment will present it to the WSBA Board of Governors for review.

Suggested Amendment

APR 11(c)(1)(ii)

(ii) at least six credits must be in ethics and professional responsibility, as defined in subsection (f)(2), with at least one credit from each of subsections (f)(2)(ii), (iii), and (iv).

APR 11(f)(2)

(2) *Ethics and professional responsibility*, defined as topics relating to:

(i) the general subject of professional responsibility and conduct standards for lawyers, LLLTs, LPOs, and judges, including diversity and anti-bias with respect to the practice of law or the legal system, and;

(ii) the risks to ethical practice associated with diagnosable mental health conditions, addictive behavior, and stress;

(iii) equity, inclusion, and the mitigation of both implicit and explicit bias in the legal profession and the practice of law, including client advising; and

(iv) the use of technology in the practice of law as it pertains to a lawyer, LLLT, or LPO's professional responsibility, including how to maintain the security of electronic or digital property, communications, data, and information.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the Board meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be at 10:00 AM on Friday, October 4, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,



Adelaine Shay
MCLE Board Staff Liaison