

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

LICENSURE PATHWAYS IMPLEMENTATION STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Virtual Meeting

August 4, 2025

Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting of the Licensure Pathways Implementation Steering Committee of the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) was called to order by Chair Zaida Rivera on Monday, August 4, 2025 at 2:35 p.m. Committee members in attendance were:

Zaida Rivera
Greg Crowder
Alfredo González Benítez
Judge Cathy Helman
Vivian Hernandez
Dusty Weber LaMay
Dean Tamara Lawson
Julia McGann
Terra Nevitt
Judge Leone Reinbold
Yuriko Hannali Styles
Dean Anthony Varona

Also in attendance were WSBA Assistant General Counsel Catherine Schur; WSBA Chief Regulatory Counsel Renata Garcia; Professor Gillian Dutton; Assistant Dean Jeff Minneti; Professor Sandra Simpson; Eduardo Kruel

Approve July 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Executive Director Nevitt moved to approve the July 8, 2025 Steering Committee meeting minutes. Alfredo seconded. Minutes unanimously approved.

Member and Public Comment

No public comment. Greg asked about the role of the ABA in Washington's licensing pathways development. The committee discussed the ABA's accrediting requirements for law schools. Committee members and WSBA staff noted that the Washington pathways may draw on existing programs created to satisfy ABA requirements, but that ABA is not responsible for approving or implementing Washington licensing pathways.

Continued Discussion of Proposed Core Competencies

Assistant Dean Jeff Minneti and Professor Sandra Simpson led continued discussion of the proposed core competencies. Dean Minneti and Professor Simpson noted that, based on questions and feedback from the prior Steering Committee meeting, the Core Competencies Subcommittee had added illustrations of possible assessment methods from other state licensing programs for each competency to demonstrate potential practical applications. Several committee members asked questions and provided input.

Dean Varona moved to support the competencies as basis for the licensure pathways. Judge Reinbold seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m. on August 4, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Schur
Assistant General Counsel