

MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2019

Members Present: Hon. Paul Bastine, ret., Chair, Trena Berton, Michele Carney, Brooks Goode (by phone), Andre Lang (by phone), Amber Rush (by phone), Sarah Sumadi, Jennifer Unger, and Doug Walsh.

Members Excused: Professor George Critchlow, Dominiqué Jinhong, and Gary Swearingen.

Also Attending: Julie Shankland (General Counsel), Michelle Lucas (ATJ Liaison), Ellen Reed (ATJ Tech Liaison), and Sherry Lindner (Paralegal).

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MINUTES

The Board approved the January 17, 2019, minutes by consensus with one correction.

GR 24 Update

Judge Bastine and Doug Walsh attended the ATJ Tech Subcommittee meeting on February 19 and provided background information on GR 24 to the Subcommittee and the Board's mission.

Mr. Walsh received some feedback regarding the daunting long list of exemptions. The exemption list is the product of the North Carolina statute and from the Consumer Protection Division.

Judge Bastine and Mr. Walsh will reach out to the ATJ Tech Subcommittee for feedback on GR 24.

The Board will ask the Court to extend the comment period to properly vet GR 24 and to reach out to stakeholders.

Motion was made and seconded to adopt the proposed restructuring amendments to GR 24. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made and seconded to draft a letter to the Court asking to extend the comment period for an additional 90-days so that the Board may reach out to stakeholders for more feedback. Motion passed unanimously.

Legal Health Check-Up

General Counsel Shankland reported to the Board that the app is still being worked on and will ask CuroLegal to show a demonstration. The Board will be involved with reviewing the content.



Technology Assisted Forms Project (TAF)

Ms. Rush reported that she runs a clinic in Vancouver and would be able to ask the cliental the questions about the forms and show a demonstration. The Board is interested in this project and will further look into this matter.

Court House Facilitators (GR 27)

The Board will begin a preliminary research on how each county runs its program and will report back at the Board's next meeting with the information collected.

Meeting with the Supreme Court

Staff will reach out to the Court to schedule the Board's annual meeting with the Court.

ABA Meeting

The next meeting is not until August and it seems that the online legal services is not getting enough traction and may not pass. It has been tabled until further feedback has been collected from stakeholders.

Regulatory Reform Effort by the Association of Professional Responsibility's (APRL) Future of Lawyering Committee

All the subcommittees met in Las Vegas for a summit and are continuing the conversation regarding how to expand the rules to provide lawyers with opportunities to expand their practice.

The Board entered Executive Session to deliberate about the Unauthorized Practice of Law Complaints.

The Board voted to end the Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned.