PRACTICE of LAW BOARD

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Lesli Ashley, Chair

Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2026
Remote Meeting
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Practice of Law Board Members in Attendance:
☒ Lesli Ashley, Chair
☒ John Dirgo Deweese
☒ Rory Hardy
☐ Cindy Kim
☒ Melissa Kover
☐ Ellen Reed
☐ Ronald Satterthwaite
☐ Craig Shank
☒ Leah Snyder
☒ Michael Terasaki
☒Amy Turner
☒ Aaron Vanderpol
☐ Shainna Xi

Liaisons in Attendance:
☒ Bobby Henry, WSBA Staff Liaison
☐ Kevin Fay, BOG Liaison

Other WSBA Staff in Attendance:
☐ Renata de Carvalho Garcia, Chief Regulatory Counsel
☒ Cindy Chamberlin, RSD Paralegal
☐ Cathy Biestek, Managing Regulatory Counsel
☐ Terra Nevitt, Executive Director

PUBLIC SESSION

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 1:23 p.m. by Chair Lesli Ashley.

Meeting Minutes for Approval
The July 15, 2026, meeting minutes were approved.

Entity Regulation Application Committee
Bobby provided an update on the status of applications under review.

The Board reviewed and approved the application from Wrk Legal. The application will be submitted to the Court for its consideration.

Unauthorized Practice of Law Complaints Summary
The Board reviewed a summary of UPL complaints since the last board meeting, Numbers 26–23 through 26–28, received, closed, and referred.

New Business
Chair and Vice Chair

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Bobby spoke about needing to elect new officers for the board. He also thanked the out-going officers for their service. The Board voted and approved the following leadership for fiscal year 2027:

- Melissa Kover, POLB Chair
- Michael Terasaki, POLB Vice-Chair

Open Floor for Discussion

Bobby opened the floor for friendly discussion. Discussion ensued regarding what measures can be taken to protect consumers from UPL and bad actors. Ideas were offered. Board members volunteered to provide the board with a short memo on consumer protection issues.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:45 p.m.