



Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2025
Virtual Meeting
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Practice of Law Board Members in Attendance:

- Lesli Ashley, Chair
- John Dirgo Deweese
- Rory Hardy
- Melissa Kover
- Ellen Reed

- Ronald Satterthwaite
- Craig Shank
- Murugeswari Subramanian
- Michael Terasaki
- Aaron Vanderpol

Liaisons in Attendance:

- Bobby Henry, WSBA Staff Liaison
- Kristina Larry, BOG Liaison

Other WSBA Staff in Attendance:

- Renata de Carvalho Garcia, Chief Regulatory Counsel
- Anne Trent, RSD Paralegal
- Cathy Biestek, Managing Regulatory Counsel
- Terra Nevitt, Executive Director

PUBLIC SESSION

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Chair Lesli Ashley.

Meeting Minutes for Approval

May 21, 2025, meeting minutes were approved. Craig and Rory abstained.

Innovation for Providing Legal Services

Entity Regulation Pilot Project Update: Bobby Henry provided an update on the progress to implement the pilot project. People interested in participating in the Entity Regulation Pilot Project will receive a participant manual with details about participating in the pilot project including, application instructions, enforcement procedures, reporting requirements, etc.

- Compliance subcommittee: a meeting was held to begin developing a basic plan for addressing entities that fail to comply with program requirements. Procedures for non-compliance are being drafted.
- Data subcommittee: met a few times and are working on questions and ways to capture the data provided. They are also working on a voluntary client survey.

Review and Finalize Application for Entity Regulation Pilot Project:

The Board discussed various issues on the application and suggestions for improving the application. The WSBA staff will consider the comments and incorporate as appropriate taking into account regulatory and administrative considerations. The final draft will be delivered to our vendor for programming into the online

admissions application site which needs to start soon in order to achieve the goal of accepting applications in October.

Educating the Public about Competent Legal Assistance

Michael will try to have more information for the meeting on August 20, 2025.

Unauthorized Practice of Law (UPL) Complaints Summary

The UPL complaints were briefly discussed by the Board.

Administration

The Board discussed the budget, meetings, and subcommittees for FY26. Meetings for FY26 to be set at the next meeting.

The July meeting was canceled.

POLB Press, Update, & Information Sheet

Fees for entity regulation will be presented at the July Board of Governors meeting. Attendance at the BOG meeting was discussed, and Lesli agreed to attend.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.